

# A review of the genera associated with the tribe Asthenini (Lepidoptera: Geometridae: Larentiinae)

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SYNOPSIS. The Asthenini (Geometridae, Larentiinae) are reviewed at the generic level. Critical examination of the composition of the tribe has led to the recognition of 18 genera, with the species 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea Warren unplaced. Species are listed under all of the genera identified as Asthenini; their broad distribution is noted; and remarks on peculiarities are noted. Seven other genera that have been associated with the tribe are also considered, and reasons for their exclusion are given. A lectotype is designated for the non-asthenine species *Chalyboclydon marginata* Warren.

#### INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this paper is to review the genera of the larentiine geometrid tribe Asthenini. Most of the genera occur in the Palaearctic and Oriental regions, with a few genera in Australia and New Guinea, three genera in the Nearctic, one genus in the Afrotropics and one in the Neotropics. Representation is particularly high in China and the Himalayas. Although we are not entirely satisfied with our final 'definition' of the tribe, we hope, at least, that this contribution will provide a material contribution to our understanding of part of the asthenine/eupitheciine complex. It builds on the extensive study of the Chinese species of Larentiinae by Xue & Zhu (1999). The study continues those efforts to produce global generic reviews of selected groups of Geometridae (e.g., Pitkin, 1996; Scoble, 1995; Scoble & Krüger, in press). Given the inadequacy of the tribal classification of the subfamily, we believe that taxonomic progress is more likely to be made at the level of genus and species. For examples of recent contributions of this kind see Choi, 2000; Parra, 1991; Parra & Santos-Salas, 1991; Schmidt, 2001; Xue & Zhu, 1999).

We have two specific aims. First, given the lack of an explicit definition of the Asthenini, the tribe is examined critically for coherence, so we use this paper as a means of exploring taxonomic problems. Our concept of the tribe is presented through the description, diagnosis and generic checklist, which follow a section in which significant taxonomic characters are reviewed. Second, despite the shortcomings of the tribal definition, we provide a treatment of the genera and state our reasons for their inclusion in the tribe. Certain genera that have been associated with the Asthenini in the past, or that we ourselves consider close to the tribe, are treated at the end of this work with an explanation as to why they have been excluded from the Asthenini.

## Comments on the tribal classification

In reviewing the larentiine tribe Asthenini, we were faced with a question common to virtually all global taxonomic treatments: how inclusive should we be in associating genera with a higher taxon originally defined from relatively few European species? Our approach has been to compare as many potential asthenine taxa as possible against the existing literature and discuss their inclusion in, or their exclusion from, the tribe.

A difficulty in deciding which genera to include was that the tribal classification of Larentiinae as a whole remains significantly unresolved. It has developed largely from a series of regional studies. The Asthenini were established (as subfamily Astheninae) by Warren (1893: 362). Besides associating *Asthena*, *Hydrelia* and *Chalyboclydon* he included a part of the Trichopterygini, but he gave no definition or description of the tribe.

Although L.B. Prout, in his studies of larentiine genera, also never actually described the tribe, many of the genera we associate with the Asthenini today were treated in reasonably close proximity (e.g., in the sections on Larentiinae in Prout, 1912-1916). The group (as 'Astheninae') was more effectively founded by Pierce (1914: 38), whose diagnosis rested on characters of the genitalia, but included just the genera Minoa and Asthena, for the study was restricted to the British fauna alone. Pierce's diagnosis was based on a reduced uncus, entirely attached to the anal tube, the presence of an extended valval sacculus in the male, and a long evenly spined signum on the corpus bursae of the female. Pierce also noted the presence of labides (arm-like sclerites of the diaphragma) in each species included in the tribe, but did not include these structures in his tribal diagnosis, presumably because they occur elsewhere in Larentiinae, notably in Eupitheciini.

McGuffin (1958), still in a pre-cladistic age, and in a study restricted to larentiine larvae, published a

figure in which Asthenini were represented as the most basal group of Larentiinae from which four other tribes arose directly. In cladistic terminology, the group would be viewed as paraphyletic and, therefore, unsatisfactory. An examination of McGuffin's text, however, suggests that he perceived the group as more phylogenetically coherent. McGuffin restricted his study to Larentiinae of North America and included just the two genera Hydrelia and Venusia. He suggested that larval morphology demonstrated a close relationship between the two genera. The spinneret was found to be much longer than the labial palpi, and the thoracic claw was described as being almost straight, with the angle of the notch being acute. How far these observations pertain to the Asthenini more widely, and whether the characters are apomorphic, remain unknown. Larvae of most Asthenini are unknown, and our work has been based, inevitably, on adult morphology.

McGuffin's classification was preceded by that of Forbes (1948), which was also restricted to North American Asthenini. Forbes included three genera, *Hydrelia*, *Venusia* and *Trichodezia*, but apart from some comments in a 'table of tribes', he did not give a convincing definition of the tribe. He seems to have based his concept of the group largely on the existence of extended chaetosemata. We have excluded *Trichodezia* from Asthenini, for it has a well-developed uncus.

A list of family-group names of Larentiinae was compiled by Holloway (1997) in his work on the moths of Borneo. Holloway did not distinguish the Asthenini from the Eupitheciini because some of the genera that had been added to the group by McQuillan & Edwards (in Nielsen, Edwards & Rangsi, 1996) lack an extended sacculus, a character used to define the tribe by Pierce (1914), and because he considered the distinction between Asthenini and Eupitheciini to be weakly supported.

Chinese species of Larentiinae were treated by Xue & Zhu (1999) in their extensive survey of the subfamily. Many of the genera included in the present paper were discussed there, but tribal definitions were not provided.

#### Structures of taxonomic note

Uncus, tegumen and anal tube. Typically in Lepidoptera, the anal tube is attached to the tegumen posteriorly and, where an uncus is present, the anal tube diverges at the point at which it articulates with the tegumen. In his description of the Asthenini (as Astheninae), Pierce (1914: 38) stated that 'the uncus is weak and entirely attached to the anal tube which bears a thickened subscaphium'. In most species, the uncus (a sclerite articulated with the posterior end of the tegumen) appears to be absent. Occasionally (as in Eschatarchia) a triangular vestige is apparent. In the

light of this observation, it is difficult to understand as a general observation Pierce's statement that the uncus is attached to the anal tube in Asthenini. However, where a vestige is present, it is indeed fused entirely with the dorsal surface of the anal tube.

Sclerotizations associated with the diaphragma and anellus. Although the sclerotizations of this region are complex within the Larentiinae and much used in the taxonomy of the subfamily, little has been written on the homologies of the various components. There is a real need for a comparative study of the area across the group. The important sclerotizations in the Asthenini and Eupitheciini are the labides, the transtillae and the juxta.

Each *transtilla* extends from the base of each valva dorsally. In most Asthenini (and, indeed, across the Lepidoptera) these paired structures meet medially and represent the dorsal-most sclerotization of the diaphragm. The transtillae are often not very conspicuous, particularly where the genitalia are mounted ventrally.

The *labides* were said by Pierce (1914) to spring from the points at which the transtillae unite with the costae of the valvae. This is a somewhat narrow view, since there are a number of rod-like structures in Larentiinae that may or may not be homologous with these structures in Asthenini – in, for example, Eupitheciini. Of particular interest in this paper is the comparison between the Eupitheciini and the Asthenini. In Asthenini, the labides usually arise from the base of the valvae, as noted by Pierce, and extend variously (see generic treatments, below). In *Eupithecia*, it does not seem to be have been stated that labides homologous to those in Asthenini actually exist. However, observations on the genus *Poecilasthena* have shed some light on this matter (see below).

In Eupithecia the juxta, possibly with other sclerotizations of the diaphragm, is distinctive being shaped like an hourglass (see, e.g., illustrations in Holloway, 1997). The anterior end of each member of a pair of ventral arms lateral to the juxta curve inwards to the medial constriction of the juxta. Structures that appear to be articulated with the posterior ends of the arms meet medially to form what are possible homologues of the asthenine labides.

In *Poecilasthena* although the juxta is flask-shaped, not hourglass-shaped, there occurs what appears to be the homologue of the ventral arms in *Eupithecia*. Each arm continues anteriorly into a somewhat expanded and free membranous structure, which is not united medially with its opposite member. We consider that the arms and their membranous expansions are labides, even though they are not united with the base of the valvae as they are in typical Asthenini. Support for this view comes from observations on *P. paucilinea*, in which what we take to be the ventral arms *do* extend

from the bases of the valvae, and are more strongly sclerotized than normal and less arm-like. Females of both *Poecilasthena* and *Eupithecia* bear a small colliculum within a narrow ductus bursae. Other features of *Poecilasthena*, are, however, much closer to the Asthenini condition, notably the shape of the juxta and the signum. Under this interpretation, the ventral arms in *Eupithecia* are also part of the labides.

Our study of *Poecilasthena* gives further support to the view that the taxonomic association of the Asthenini and Eupitheciini is close. Indeed, like Holloway (1997), who included *Parasthena*, *Poecilasthena*, *Polynesia*, *Eois*, and *Pseudopolynesia* in a broad definition of Eupitheciini, we harbour some doubts that the tribes are distinct.

Corpus bursae. The typical asthenine signum is composed of a dense accumulation of denticles or spines radiating, on both sides, from a central line or ridge formed from the bases of the denticles or spines. An example of a signum showing a combination of denticles, radiating spines and a central ridge is illustrated in Fig. 295 (Poecilasthena dimorpha). The signum is usually elongated, but sometimes round or elliptical. In some Asthenini it takes the form of a narrow band. The signum in Asthenini is distinctive, providing, probably, the best defining character for the group. In Hydrelia, besides the main signum, a smaller second signum occurs, which is also formed from denticles arranged in the same way. In Palpoctenidia the spines are stouter than usual, but the radiating arrangement is the same. In the non-asthenine genus Pseudostegania Butler, a signum composed of numerous denticles occurs. However, the arrangement of these differs from the condition in Asthenini for the denticles do not radiate from a central line. The signa in Sterrhochaeta Prout also differ. (The type species of this genus, S. fulgurata (Warren) is illustrated in Fig. 188.)

In a number of species of Asthenini, the corpus bursae is partly or wholly covered with denticles. Often these denticles are minute, but in some species they are prominent (e.g., as in Fig. 277) with strengthening ridges. These denticles are frequently encountered in Eupithecia, but they occur in other genera of Larentiinae such as Horisme (see, for example, in Holloway, 1997), in some Sterrhinae and outside the Geometridae. In the Asthenini, these denticles do not occur across individual genera, but are present sometimes in just one species. The taxonomic distribution of these denticles, therefore, renders it difficult to draw wide phylogenetic conclusions from their presence. Nevertheless, when other characters shared by Eupithecia and Asthenini are taken into account, the presence of these denticles lends further support for a close association of the taxa.

Venation (Figs 189–192). In most Asthenini the forewing areole is single, but examples of a double areole occur (as in most Venusia, in Biliastina, and in Poecilasthena), and in 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea and Palpoctenidia the areole is absent. Differences between genera also occur in the point at which veins  $R_1$  and  $R_3$  diverge from the common stem in the forewing. In some genera,  $R_1$  diverges before (proximal to) the divergence point of  $R_3$ , whereas in others the opposite condition is encountered. In the hindwing, the discocellulars are either markedly angled (biangulate condition) or not so modified. The position of vein  $M_2$  in relation to veins  $M_1$  and  $M_3$ , and whether or not  $M_3$  is united at its base (stalked) with  $CuA_1$  are other venational features found to have some taxonomic value.

## Layout

A list of species included in each genus of Asthenini is presented with the name of the original genus, if differing from that current, provided in brackets. We have also listed species belonging to some of the nonasthenine genera that are discussed at the end of this paper. References to species listed have not been cited as they are to be found in Scoble (1999), but they are given for type species, which are detailed under the description for each genus.

## **Depositories of Material**

ANIC The Australian National Collection, Canberra, Australia

BMNH The Natural History Museum, London, UK
IZAS Institute of Zoology, Academia Sinica, Beijing,
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#### TRIBE ASTHENINI

Astheninae Warren, 1893: 362.

MOTH (Figs 1–177). Generally fairly small compared with other Larentiinae. Body typically slender. *Head*.

Frons often broad and protuberant, but sometimes neither broad nor protuberant. Labial palpi narrow and short, generally not pointed or only weakly pointed. Antenna of male ciliate or smooth, sometimes bipectinate, seldom unipectinate. *Legs* simple: tibial spurs 0–2–4.

Wings generally pale with dark waved transverse lines running from costa of forewing to hind margin of hindwing. Venation as in Figs 189–192. Forewing: usually with areole single, sometimes double, occasionally absent; if areole is absent, vein R never connected to Sc, in contrast with some Eupitheciini. Hindwing: hind margin generally narrow; Sc+R<sub>1</sub> diverging from common stem 3/4 of way along cell; Rs sharing common stem with M<sub>1</sub>; 3A absent.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 193–220; 226–253). Uncus absent or strongly reduced. Anal tube united with tegumen (and uncus vestige, if present); subscaphium often present. Vinculum: extended into broad or narrow saccus. Labides fairly membranous, apex setose. Juxta often broad at base, tapering – sometimes to a slender process posteriorly. Valva: broad, setose, with setae pointing towards base of costa; sacculus usually bearing sclerotized extension, extension sometimes not developed. Anellus: labides present, varying from narrow to broad, or absent; juxta broad or narrow. Aedeagus: narrow; vesica with various sclerotizations.

FEMALE GENITALIA(Figs 268–292). Ductus bursae of constant width, often sclerotized extensively; broader than in *Eois*. Corpus bursae seldom densely denticulate, unlike the condition in Eupitheciini and Trichopterigini, if denticles occur, they do not completely cover corpus bursae; signum distinctive, composed of denticles or spines radiating from central line or ridge formed by their bases; usually somewhat elongated, sometimes in form of narrow band, sometimes almost round; second smaller signum, of same basic composition, sometimes present.

DIAGNOSIS. Asthenines are best distinguished from other Larentiinae by the presence of the distinctive signum. Asthenini share some characters with the tribe Eupitheciini. The combination of extremely narrow and short labial palpi, a generally broad and protuberant frons and relatively broad wings are typical external features of Asthenini. The best diagnostic combination of characters of the genitalia includes the reduced or lost uncus; labides narrow, rather than lobe- or spoonshaped, and seldom united; and the corpus bursae with a signum (or signa) composed of radiating denticles or spines.

DISTRIBUTION. Asthenini are represented in all the major biogeographical regions. The tribe is at its most diverse in east Asia, but is poorly represented in the Afrotropics and Neotropics.

TAXA INCLUDED. Eighteen genera are included and the species 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea Warren is unplaced. Two hundred and twenty-seven species group taxa (species and subspecies) are identified as belonging to the tribe.

MATERIAL EXAMINED. About 2900 specimens have been studied: 2558 from the BMNH, and 350 from IZAS. Approximately 400 genitalia slides from the BMNH collection were examined.

## Checklist of the genera of Asthenini

Asthena Hübner, [1825] 1816 Hydrelia Hübner [1825] 1816 Agnibesa Moore, 1888 Euchoeca Hübner, [1823] 1816 Epicyme Meyrick, 1885 Eschatarchia Warren, 1894 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea Warren, 1898 Palpoctenidia Prout, 1930 Asthenotricha Warren, 1899 Venusia Curtis, 1839 Nomenia Pearsall, 1905 gen. rev. Hastina Moore, 1888 Macrohastina Inoue, 1982 Bihastina Prout, 1916 Leucoctenorrhoe Warren, 1904 Parasthena Warren, 1902 Poecilasthena Warren, 1894 Polynesia Swinhoe, 1892 Anydrelia Prout, 1938

# Genera examined and excluded from Asthenini

Minoa Treitschke, 1825 Chalyboelydon Warren, 1893 Cleptocosmia Warren, 1896 Eois Hübner, 1818 Pseudopolynesia Holloway, 1997 Chaetolopha Warren, 1899 Trichodezia Warren, 1895

# **Key to Genera**

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1775: 110 (a junior synonym of Asthena albulata

Hufnagel).

3.	Forewing with areole absent	14.	Forewing with areole single Venusia
	'Chalyboclydon'flexilinea		Forewing with areole double
4.	Forewing with areole single		Poecilasthena (main group and anthodes group)
		15.	Termen of hindwing deeply dentateBihastina
	Discocellulars not biangulate on forewing, male antenna		Termen of hindwing not dentate, smooth or slightly waved, or angled at middle16
	never unipectinate	16.	Forewing with areole usually double, occasionally single;
5.	Antenna in both sexes bipectinate Leucoctenorrhoe		if areole single, wings white; if areole double, forewing with antemedian, median and double postmedian lines
	Antenna not bipectinate in either sex		dark brown and running straight below costa; vesica with bundle of cornuti on vesica
6.	Discocellulars of hindwing strongly biangulate; male hindwing with hind margin expanded into very large flap		Forewing with areole single, markings not as above;
	which is folded beneath wing and almost reaches to		vesica without cornuti
	middle of cell	17.	Ground colour of wings pale grey; termen of hindwing
	Discocellulars of hindwing not biangulate; male hindwing without this modified flap7		weakly dentate at M <sub>1</sub> and M <sub>3</sub> , excavated between teeth; male genitalia with coremata; vesica lacking cornuti;
7.	Termen of hindwing with sharp angle, turned upwards at M <sub>3</sub> ; both wings with fuscous line near the distal margins,		proximal edge of sternum A8 of male modified to form 'W' shape
	that of forewing bent strongly, touching the distal margin medially and enclosing pale marginal patches on upper		Ground colour of wings white, termen of hindwing weakly angled medially, seldom dentate and excavated; male
	and lower surfaces Eschatarchia		genitalia lacking coremata; vesica with cornuti present; sternum A8 unmodified
	Termen of hindwing not angled as above; wings lacking fuscous line near distal margins	18.	Costa of forewing strongly expanded proximally, or male
8.	Termen of forewing dentate, deeply excavated between		hindwing with proximal half of costa strongly broad-
0.	$R_s$ and $M_s$		ened; hair tuft present on upper surface of costa close to base; anastomosis of Sc+R, with Rs distinctly less than 3/
	Termen of forewing gently curved, lacking tooth or deep		4 length of hindwing; uncus/tegumen triangular and pointed; labides finger-like, extending to half length of
0	excavation		tegumen; anal papillae nearly smooth, distal half of ductus
9.	Frons prominent, broad and rounded; wings dark or pale brown with yellowish lines; vein M <sub>3</sub> never stalked with		bursae 'Y' shaped
	CuA <sub>1</sub>		Costa of forewing straight or only very weakly broadened near base, male hindwing lacking hair tuft; anastomosis
	Frons not prominent, nor broad nor rounded; apical area of forewing and distal part of hindwing partly pure white,		of Sc+R <sub>1</sub> with Rs reaching beyond 3/4 length of hindwing; genitalia variable, but not as described above
	proximal half of hindwing pale yellowish; vein M <sub>3</sub> some-	19	Male hindwing with hair tuft on upper surface of costa
	times stalked with CuA <sub>1</sub>	17.	close to base; proximal half of hindwing costa strongly
10.	Wings pale greyish to white; hindwing with termen excavated between $M_1$ and $M_3$ , points at $M_1$ and $M_3$ sharp		broadened
	11		Male hindwing lacking hair tuft; hindwing costa not broadened
	Wings yellowish brown; hindwing not excavated as described above and lacking point at M <sub>1</sub> , termen angled at	20.	Frons not broad and protuberant; valva with apex fringed
	M <sub>3</sub> but blunt, not sharp Euchoeca		with hair-like scales, which are long and expanded at tips: posterior half of ductus bursae membranous, signum
11.	Small (length of forewing not longer than 10 mm); wings		elliptical, with long spines radiating peripherally from
	pale greyish, lacking visible white ground colour; male forewing with small anal lobe, male hindwing with		denticulate core
	posterior margin folded under wing		Frons generally broad and distinctly protuberant; if not like this, then genitalia of both sexes different from above
	Large (length of forewing not less than 13 mm); white ground colour of wings always visible; male wings lack-		
	ing such modifications	4 ~	thong Hühnon [1825] 1016
12.	Forewing lacking areole; male antenna bipectinate  Palpoctenidia		sthena Hübner, [1825] 1816
	Forewing with 1 or 2 areoles; male antenna not bipectinate		gs 1–15; 189; 193–195; 226–228; 268,269.)  thena Hübner, [1825] 1816: 310. Type species:
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Discocellulars of hindwing not biangulate ......15

Roessleria Breyer, 1869: xix. Type species: Geometra candidata [Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775: 110.

MOTH (1-15). Head. From neither broad nor protuberant. Labial palpi very slender and short, generally not extending beyond front of head. Antenna of male serrate, with hair tuft in type species and nymphaeata, or smooth. Wings. White or off-white in most species with pale brown, weak fasciae; appearance pale brown in e.g., plenaria; mottled brown in albosignata; fasciae bold in opedogramma and tclıratclıraia. Venation (Fig. 189) with cell on both wings extending slightly less than half length of wing; forewing with areole usually double, sometimes single; vein R, arising proximal to apex of second areole; R, arising from apex of second areole or united for short distance with R<sub>2-4</sub>; hindwing with discocellulars slightly curved, not biangulate, distal margin slightly angled at M<sub>3</sub>.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 193–195; 226–228). Labides in form of well-developed, straight arms, sometimes reduced to very short processes, sometimes absent. Juxta broad, extending anteriorly into a narrow process so that whole appears flask-shaped. Valva: sacculus usually with distinctive double projection of a longer, narrow spine-like process and a shorter, broader process with short hairs at apex, notably complex in *amurensis*; costa margin weakly convex. Aedeagus: vesica with spine-like cornuti. Abdomen: sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Figs 268,269). Ductus bursae sclerotized throughout length except for very short membranous section. Corpus bursae: signum generally short and broad, composed of radiating denticles; spinose patch often occurring in addition to discrete signum; surface of corpus often partly covered with minute denticles.

DIAGNOSIS. Most species of Asthena may be distinguished from species in other asthenine genera by the white ground colour of the wings, but this feature is not universal within the genus. Both anseraria and lassa resemble superficially certain Scopula species (Sterrhinae). Distinguishing characters include the fact that the frons is neither broadened nor protuberant, and the unstalked condition of vein R<sub>1</sub> of the forewing. The most distinctive character is the complex form of the sacculus with its two projections. The presence of cornuti on the vesica of Asthena distinguishes it from Hydrelia where these structures are absent.

DISTRIBUTION. Across the Palaearctic region and in India.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Twenty-two described. There is an undescribed species from Burma represented by a single, worn male specimen in the BMNH. Genitalia examined: *A. albosignata* (male, female), *albulata* (male, female), *amurensis* (male), *anseraria anseraria* 

(male, female), anseraria corculina (male, female), liamadryas (male), lassa (male), nymphaeata (male, female), opedogramma (male, female), plenaria (male), sachaliensis (female), melanosticta (male, female), octomacularia (female), tchratchraria (female), undulata (male, female).

#### Asthena albidaria (Leech, 1897)

China.

Asthena albosignata (Moore, 1888) (Idaea?)

India, China, Kashmir.

Asthena albulata (Hufnagel, 1767) (Phalaena)

Geometra candidata [Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775

Widespread in the Palaearctic.

Asthena amurensis (Staudinger, 1897)

Cidaria candidata amurensis Staudinger, 1897. Asthena hamadryas Inoue, 1976. Syn. n.

Russia, Japan, Korea.

Asthena anseraria anseraria (Herrich-Schäffer, 1855) (Arrhostis?)

Cidaria soldaria Turati, 1879.

Widespread in the Palaearctic.

Asthena anseraria corculina Butler, 1878

Japan, China.

Asthena lactularia (Herrich-Schäffer, 1855) (Hydrelia)

? albeolata Rambur, 1866 Asthena nymphulata Guenée, [1858]

France, Spain.

Asthena lassa Prout, 1926

Burma.

Astheua livida (Warren, 1896) comb. n. (Autallacta)

India.

REMARKS. This species differs from others in *Asthena*, and its position in the genus is uncertain. The moth is uniformly dark brown rather than white or otherwise pale. Furthermore, the cell on both fore- and hindwing is very short – on the hindwing it is only 1/3 the length of the wing. The free section of vein R<sub>1</sub> of the forewing is unusually long. The male genitalia are

unusual in having an elongated tegumen and narrow, but well developed, curved labides. Both these characters are reminiscent of the condition in *Polynesia*, but the wing pattern is completely different and the saccus is not truncated as in that genus.

# Asthena melanosticta Wehrli, 1924 China.

# Asthena nymphaeata (Staudinger, 1897) (Cidaria)

Acidalia ainoica Matsumura, 1927.

Russia, Japan, Korea, China.

# Asthena ochrifasciaria Leech, 1897 Japan.

# Asthena octomacularia (Leech, 1897)

China, Japan.

# Asthena opedogramma (Prout, 1926) comb. n. (Hydrelia)

Burma, China.

REMARKS. This species and tchratchraria Oberthür were treated as members of Hydrelia by Prout (1926, 1934-39) probably because Prout thought that the areole in the forewing was always single in that genus, whereas in Asthena it is double. Having checked all specimens of both species in the BMNH and IZAS, we discovered that the number of areoles varies. In some specimens just a single areole is, indeed, present. But in others, the areole is double on both the right and the left forewing, and in yet others it is double on just the right or the left fore wing. When the areole is double, the first (more proximal) areole is very small. The two species share most characters of typical Asthena other than the presence, sometimes, of a single areole. The frons is only weakly protuberant, cornuti are present. and the signum is short and broad, as in many Asthena species. Unique to the species is the presence of wellsclerotized spines on the lateral parts of the juxta, labides and terminal half of the sacculus.

# Asthena plenaria (Leech, 1897) (Hydrelia) China.

# Asthena sachaliensis (Matsumura, 1925) Japan, Russia.

# Asthena tchratchraria (Oberthür, 1893) (Acidalia)

Burma, China.

(See Remarks under opedogramma Prout.)

# Asthena undulata (Wileman, 1915) (Leucoctenorrhoe)

China.

# The albifera group

The following four species have a single areole, but the genitalia are very similar to *Astheua* notably in the shapes of the sacculus, juxta, and vinculum. Additional spining occurs on the corpus bursae in addition to the denticulate signum.

The *albifera* group differs from *Hydrelia* in having a pure white ground colour, a narrow and non-protuberant frons, and a bundle of cornuti on the vesica of the aedeagus. All of these characters correspond to those in *Asthena*.

Genitalia examined: *albifera* (male, female), *chionata* (male), *percandidata* (male, female).

## Asthena albifera (Walker, 1866) (Acidalia?)

Acidalia albogilvaria Morrison, 1874 Corycia triseriata Packard, 1874

North America.

# Asthena brunneifasciata (Packard, 1876)

Canada.

## Asthena chionata (Lederer, 1870) (Cidaria)

Cidaria quadripunctata Biernert, [1871]

Iran.

# Asthena percandidata (Christoph, 1893) (Cidaria)

Cidaria anseraria candidissima Staudinger, 1897

Transcaucasus, Central Asia.

#### Species excluded

The following species, which have been associated with *Asthena* in the past, belong neither to that genus, nor to the tribe Asthenini. Genitalia examined: *argentipuncta* (male, female), *argyrorrhytes* (male, female), *aurantiaca* (male), *eurychora* (female), *straminearia* (male, female), *yargongaria* (male).

# 'Asthena' argentipuncta Warren, 1906 (Asthena)

Papua New Guinea.

# 'Asthena' argyrorrhytes Prout, 1916 (Asthena)

Irian Jaya.

'Asthena' aurantiaca Prout, 1926 (Asthena)
Irian Jaya.

'Asthena' distinctaria (Leech, 1897) (Hydrelia)

China.

'Asthena' eurychora Prout, 1928 (Asthena)

Western Samoa.

**'Asthena' straminearia (Leech, 1897)** (Hydrelia)

China.

'Asthena' subditaria Warren, 1906 (Asthena) Papua New Guinea.

'Asthena' yargongaria Oberthür, 1916 (Asthena)

China.

## Hydrelia Hübner, [1825] 1816

(Figs 16–68; 196,197; 229,230; 270.)

Hydrelia Hübner, [1825] 1816: 322. Type species: Geometra sylvata [Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775: 109.

Autallacta Warren, 1893: 365. Type species: Timandra subobliquaria Moore, 1868: 644.

MOTH (Figs 16-68). Head. Frons broad and prominent. Labial palpi very slender and short, generally not extending beyond front of head. Antenna weakly serrate, ciliated in male, simple in female. Wings. Rather narrower than in Asthena and Venusia. Colour variable: most species grey-brown with weak transverse band and lines; some species ochreous; strong transverse line or lines in a few species; some species with yellow ground colour; a few species with wings dark grey-brown with contrasting white markings. Forewing with single areole, varying in size among species; vein R, diverging from common stem before (proximal to) point of divergence of R<sub>s</sub>. Hindwing: termen sometimes angled medially; discocellulars not biangulate; vein M, usually not stalked with CuA,, but stalked on both wings in a few species.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 196,197, 229,230). Labides in form of a pair of long, curved, spine-like processes in type species and relatives; processes smaller and membranous in other species or united with opposite member. Juxta variable; narrow and extended, plate-like or reduced to small sclerite between the bases of the valvae. Valva usually narrows to apex; sacculus typically extended into a thumb-like projection, some-

times sacculus not extended. Aedeagus: vesica lacking cornuti. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 270). Anal papillae extended to form more attenuated ovipositor in type species and relatives compared with other species, where ovipositor is much flatter. Ductus bursae; antrum sclerotized throughout apart from a narrow membranous break. Corpus bursae often with numerous minute denticles; signum typically elongated, composed of radiating denticles; many species with a small additional signum, similarly composed, at posterior end of corpus; surface of corpus partly or wholly covered with minute denticles.

DIAGNOSIS. Close to Asthena, Venusia and Agnibesa. Hydrelia differs from Asthena in having a generally broad and strongly prominent frons, in the ground colour of the wings seldom being pure white, in having a single areole on the forewing, in lacking cornuti on the aedeagus, and in having a signum typically elongated and often band-like. Hydrelia lacks biangulate discocellulars on the hindwing and in this way differs from Venusia. It may be distinguished from Agnibesa by several features (see Diagnosis of Agnibesa).

DISTRIBUTION. Palaearctic, Nearctic and Oriental Regions.

REMARKS. The integrity of *Hydrelia* as a monophyletic entity remains in doubt, there being no very convincing apomorphy. Wing shape and pattern assist recognition of the genus as it stands now. The male genitalia of the type species *H. sylvata* (Fig. 197), and its relatives differ from those of other species (e.g., as in Fig. 196) and it may eventually be necessary to restrict the genus *Hydrelia* to this group. We do not make such a restriction here since *Hydrelia* is sufficiently coherent and well known to make it counterproductive to split it until a full species-level revisionary study has been undertaken.

Preliminary study has identified several species groups, although we do not treat them as formal taxa at this stage, and nor are the suggested divisions comprehensive.

The sylvata group. The type species of Hydrelia, H. sylvata (D. & S.), which is similar to the Nearctic species H. lucata (Guenée), bears a pair of long, narrow and curved labides. The juxta of these species unites, anteriorly, with a long and narrow dorsal sclerite of the diaphragma. The labides are broader and straight in flammeolaria (Hufnagel). That sylvata and flammeolaria, both European species, are closely related is evident from the relatively attenuated ovipositor in each and in the similar shape of the valva. The larval foodplant range overlaps, in that both species occur on Alnus (Betulaceae). The Nearctic species condensata, inornata and lucata also belong to this

group. Oriental species that appear to belong with sylvata and its relatives include aurantiaca, rufigrisea, sericea, nepaleusis, rubrilinea, ?lineata, ?laetivirga, rhodoptera, marginepunctata, binotata, rubricosta, sanguiniplaga, nisaria. The following species, which exhibit similarities in wing shape and markings may also be associated, or, may form a separate group: sericea, rubrilinea, lineata, laetivirga.

The aggerata group. The largest of these species groups, which is Oriental in distribution (mainly Chinese), is a monophyletic assemblage including aggerata and its relatives and is defined by several characters. The labides seem to be absent and should not be confused with a pair of setose, membranous projections from the diaphragma. An additional feature, giving some further possible support to the grouping is that the valva is broad with the sacculus projected in such a way as to form a wide, c. 90° angle, with the costa. Unlike the condition in the sylvata group, the ovipositor is short and not pointed. Species belonging here include: aggerata, aurantiaca, bella, bicolorata, conspicuaria, crocearia, ornata, pavonica, rubriveua and subobliquaria.

The *ungularia* group (Oriental) has a rounded valva that lacks a projection of the sacculus. The dorsal sclerite of the diaphragma is absent. Species identified: *latsaria*, *microptera*, *subtestacea* and *ungularia*.

The valva of *H. impleta* Prout differs in shape.

In *subobliquaria* (Moore) from Bengal, the valva resembles more closely that of the *sylvata* group than that of *aggerata* and its relatives, but the labides, although distinct, are shorter and membranous.

SPECIES INCLUDED. 61 species. Genitalia examined: aggerata (male), aurantiaca (male, female), bella (male, female), bicolorata (male, female), biuotata (male, female), condeusata (female), conspicuaria (male, female), controversa (male, female), crocearia (male, female), elegaus (female), enisaria (male), fuscocastauea (male, female), impleta (male), iuornata (female), laetivirga (male), latsaria (male), lineata (male, female), lucata (female), marginepunctata (male, female), microptera (male, female), nepaleusis (male, female), oruata (male), pavonica (male), rubricosta (male), rubriliuea (male, female), rubrivena (male, female), rufinota (female), sericea sericea (male, female), subobliquaria (male, female), rhodoptera (male, female), speciosa (male), sanguiniplaga (male), subcingulata (male), subtestacea (male), sylvata (male), undularia (male).

## Hydrelia aggerata Prout, 1938

China.

Hydrelia arizana (Wileman, 1911) (Acidalia) China.

## Hydrelia aurantiaca Hampson, 1903

China, Nepal.

# *Hydrelia bella* (Wileman, 1916) sp. rev. (Venusia)

China.

REMARKS. The species was listed as a synonym of *bicolorata* (Moore) in Scoble (1999), but the genitalia are distinct and it is treated here as a separate species. Male with valva much narrower than in *bicolorata* (Moore), shape intermediate between that species and *aggerata* Prout from W. China. In the female, the signum in *bella* is possibly larger than that in *bicolorata*.

Wileman (1916: 97) cited the type material as: 'A male specimen from Arizan (7300 ft.), September 27th, 1906, a female specimen from Arizan, August, 1908; and another from Rantaizan, May, 1909 (7500).' The 'male' syntype is, in fact, a female, and there is no specimen of the male sex in the type series.

## Hydrelia bicauliata Prout, 1914

Japan, China.

## Hydrelia bicolorata (Moore, 1868) (Hyria)

Eupithecia ferruginaria Moore, 1868.

China, India, Sikkim.

#### Hydrelia binotata Inoue, 1987

China, Nepal.

Hydrelia castaria (Leech, 1897) (Plemyria)

China.

#### Hydrelia cingulata Hampson, 1896

China.

# Hydrelia condensata (Walker, 1862) (Melanthia)

U.S.A.

# Hydrelia conspicuaria (Leech, 1897) (Cambogia)

China.

REMARKS. This species and *H. elegans* (Inoue) were long assigned to *Palpoctenidia*. Both species were described from just a single female holotype. The discovery of a male specimen of *couspicuaria* has enabled us to examine the genitalia of that sex, which shows that it belongs to *Hydrelia*. Furthermore, there is a single small areole on the forewing in both

conspicuaria and elegans, which is absent in most specimens of the only species of Palpoctenidia.

Hydrelia controversa Inoue, 1982

Nepal.

Hydrelia crocearia Hampson, 1896

China.

Hydrelia elegans (Inoue, 1982) comb. n.

Nepal.

Hydrelia enisaria Prout, 1926

Burma

Hydrelia flammeolaria (Hufnagel, 1767)

(Phalaena)

Phalaena centrata Fabricius, [1776]. Asthena chibiana Matsumura, 1925.

Geometra flavicata Thunberg, 1784.

Phalaena flavostrigata Donovan, 1806.

Geometra luteata [Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775

*Phalaena sinuosata* Giorna, 1791

Widely distributed across the Palaearctic from western Europe to Japan.

*Hydrelia flammulata* (Bastelberger, 1911)

(Cambogia)

China.

Hydrelia flavilinea (Warren, 1893)

(Čambogia)

Sikkim, China.

Hydrelia fuscocastanea Inoue, 1982

Nepal.

Hydrelia gracilipennis Inoue, 1982

Japan.

Hydrelia impleta Prout, 1938

China.

Hydrelia inornata (Hulst, 1896)

Tephroclystis inornata Hulst, 1896. Euchoeca exhumata Pearsall, 1906.

U.S.A.

Hydrelia laetivirga Prout, 1934

China.

Hydrelia latsaria (Oberthür, 1893) (Acidalia)

China.

Hydrelia leucogramma Wehrli, 1931

China.

Hydrelia lineata (Warren, 1893) (Autallacta)

Sikkim, China, Nepal.

Hydrelia lucata (Guenée, [1858]) (Asthena)

Canada.

Hydrelia luteosparsata Sterneck, 1928

China.

Hydrelia marginepunctata Warren, 1893

Sikkim, China, Nepal.

Hydrelia microptera Inoue, 1987

Nepal, China.

Hydrelia musculata (Staudinger, 1897)

(Cidaria)

Russia.

Hydrelia nepalensis Inoue, 1987

Nepal, China.

Hydrelia nisaria (Christoph, 1881) (Acidalia)

Hydrelia nisaria japouica Inoue, 1944

Russia, China, Japan, Korea.

Hydrelia ochrearia Leech, 1897

China.

Hydrelia ornata (Moore, 1868) (Hyria)

India, Sikkim, Nepal, China.

Hydrelia parvularia (Leech, 1897) (Plemyria)

China.

Hydrelia parvulata (Staudinger, 1897)

(Cidaria)

Russia.

Hydrelia pavonica Xue, 1999

China.

*Hydrelia rhodoptera* Hampson, 1895 Sikkim, China.

*Hydrelia rubraria* Hampson, 1903 China (Tibet).

*Hydrelia rubricosta* Inoue, 1892 Nepal, China.

*Hydrelia rubrilinea* Inoue, 1987 Nepal, China.

# Hydrelia rubriveua Wileman, 1911

China (Taiwan).

REMARKS. The abdomen of the type of *rubraria* Hampson is missing, so we have been unable to confirm the currently accepted identity as valid. *H. rubrivena* may be a junior synonym of *aurantiaca* Hampson. The wing markings are similar but the colour differs between the two species. The male genitalia of both species are also quite similar. In the female, the corpus bursae is smaller in *rubrivena* and the signum shorter and broader. *H. rubraria* has the same markings as both *rubrivena* and *aurantiaca*.

*Hydrelia rufigrisea* (Warren, 1893) (Asthena?)

Sikkim, China.

*Hydrelia rufiuota* Hampson, 1896 India, China.

Hydrelia sanguiflua Hampson, 1896 China.

*Hydrelia sanguiniplaga* Swinhoe, 1902 China, Burma.

Hydrelia scotozona Yazaki, 1995 Nepal.

Hydrelia sericea sericea (Butler, 1880) (Noreia)

China, Nepal, N. E. Himalaya.

*Hydrelia sericea pampesia* **Prout, 1938** Kashmir.

*Hydrelia shioyana* (Matsumura, 1927) (Acidalia)

Hydrelia adesma Prout, 1930.

Japan.

Hydrelia speciosa Inoue, 1992

Nepal.

Hydrelia subcingulata Inoue, 1987

Nepal, China.

Hydrelia sublatsaria Wehrli, 1938

China.

*Hydrelia subobliquaria* (Moore, 1868) (*Timandra*)

India, China, Nepal, Sikkim.

Hydrelia subtestacea Inoue, 1982

Nepal, China.

Hydrelia sylvata ([Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775) (Geometra)

Hydrelia sachalinensis Matsumura, 1925. Phalaena testaceata Donovan, 1810.

Palaearctic, from western Europe to Japan.

Hydrelia tenera (Staudinger, 1897) (Cidaria)

Russia.

Hydrelia terraenovae Krogerus, 1954

Canada.

Hydrelia ulula Bastelberger, 1911

China (Taiwan).

Hydrelia undularia (Leech, 1897) (Venusia)

China, Nepal.

Hydrelia undulosata (Moore, 1888) (Hyria)

India.

Species excluded

Genitalia examined: flavidula (male, female).

'Hydrelia' flavidula (Warren, 1907) (Hastina)

Papua New Guinea.

REMARKS. This sexually dimorphic species does not belong to *Hydrelia* nor, indeed, to the Asthenini, although the uncus is absent. The frons is narrow and flat and the antenna in both sexes bears paired hair tufts, which are extremely long in the male. The labides are weak, united medially and bear a pair of setose processes. The valva is very long and narrow, with the

costa strongly sclerotized and with a sharp terminal process; the sacculus lacks a process. The female genitalia are similar to those of *Acolutha* Warren in having a globose corpus bursae covered with *Eupithecia*-like spines and an appendix bursae.

## Agnibesa Moore, 1888

(Figs 69-75; 190; 198, 231; 271.)

Agnibesa Moore, 1888: 256. Type species: Somatina pictaria Moore, 1868: 645.

MOTH (Figs 69–75). Head. Frons almost as prominent as in Hydrelia, but less broad. Labial palpi minute. Male antenna ciliated. Wings. White, variously marked, all species with some yellow suffusion particularly on forewing. Venation as in Fig. 190. Forewing relatively elongated, with apex not pointed, termen smooth; areole single and small; vein  $R_1$  diverges from stem of  $R_{2-5}$  after (i.e., distal to) point of divergence of vein  $R_5$ . Hindwing with termen crenulated; discocellulars not biangulate; vein  $M_2$  arising nearer  $M_1$  than  $M_3$ .

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 198, 231). Labides expanded at apex. Juxta narrow to moderate. Valva: sacculus extended into short, narrow projection beyond the valva. Aedeagus: vesica bearing numerous minute denticles. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 271). Ductus bursae with strongly sclerotized antrum of varying length. Corpus bursae globose with scattering of denticles or short spines arranged as an ill-defined band across middle; signum composed of radiating denticles, sometimes with second, smaller signum nearer posterior end of corpus.

DIAGNOSIS. The adults of most species of *Agnibesa* are larger than in *Hydrelia* and always have a pure white ground colour. Whereas in *Hydrelia* vein  $R_1$  of the forewing diverges from the common stem before  $R_5$  diverges, in *Agnibesa*  $R_1$  diverges after (distal to) the divergence point of  $R_5$ . The vesica of the aedeagus bears many minute denticles in *Agnibesa* but not in *Hydrelia*. The corpus bursae in *Agnibesa* has a conspicuous, largely medial scattering of denticles, which are lacking in *Hydrelia*. *Agnibesa* is distinguished from *Euchoeca* by the fact that the moths are larger, by the narrower forewing, the white ground colour and the presence of minute denticles on the vesica.

DISTRIBUTION. China, India, Nepal, Sikkim.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Six species. Genitalia examined: pictaria pictaria (male, female), pictaria brevibasis (male), pleopictaria (male, female), plumbeolineata (male, female), punctilinearia (male, female), recurvilineata recurvilineata (male, female), recurvilineata meroplyta (male, female), venusta (male).

# Agnibesa pictaria pictaria (Moore, 1868) (Somatina?)

India, Nepal, Sikkim, China (Tibet, from the frontier to Nepal to Medog).

## Agnibesa pictaria brevibasis Prout, 1938

China (Shanxi, Gansu, Sichuan, Yunnan, Tibet (recorded at Bomi, which is N E of Medog)).

REMARKS. The two subspecies of *pictaria* are geographically separated in Tibet by Mt Namjagbarwa (Xue & Zhu, 1999).

## Agnibesa pleopictaria Xue, 1999

China.

# Agnibesa plumbeolineata (Hampson, 1895) (Hydrelia)

Sikkim, China.

# Agnibesa punctilinearia (Leech, 1897) (Hydrelia)

China.

# Agnibesa recurvilineata recurvilineata Moore, 1888

India, Nepal, Sikkim.

# Agnibesa recurvilineata meroplyta Prout, 1938

China.

## Agnibesa venusta Warren, 1897

Sikkim, Nepal, China.

# Euchoeca Hübner, [1823] 1816

(Figs 76; 199, 232; 272.)

Euchoeca Hübner, [1823] 1816: 298. Type species: Geometra hepararia Hübner, [1799] 1796: pl. 11, fig. 58, a junior synonym of E. nebulata (Scopoli, 1763: 215).

MOTH (Fig. 76). Head. Frons a little less protuberant than in Hydrelia. Labial palpi minute, hardly extending beyond frons. Antenna with short cilia. Wings. Grey-brown. Forewing almost triangular, costa almost straight, termen weakly convex; areole single, vein R<sub>1</sub> stalked with R<sub>2-5</sub>, diverging from stem after R<sub>5</sub>, which diverges at apex of areole (as in Agnibesa). Hindwing: termen smooth, angled at position of vein M<sub>3</sub>; discocellulars not biangulate; vein M<sub>2</sub> arising well anterior to middle of discocellulars.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 199, 232). Saccus broad. Labides narrow, curved, extending beyond tegumen. Juxta in form of a broad plate extending into a slender digitate process. Valva narrow at base, broadening apically into a broader lobe; sacculus extending just beyond margin of valva. Aedeagus: vesica lacking cornuti. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 272). Ductus bursae weakly sclerotized. Corpus bursae with two signa and a scattering of minute denticles; signum prominent, long and narrow, composed of radiating denticles; small, approximately round denticulate signum situated posteriorly.

DIAGNOSIS. Unlike the condition in the forewing of Hydrelia, in Euchoeca nebulata vein  $R_1$  diverges distal to the divergence point of vein  $R_5$ . The apex of the forewing is more rounded than in most species of Hydrelia. The male genitalia exhibit some similarity to those of Agnibesa and Asthenotricha, but E. nebulata is distinctly smaller than in these other genera and differs also in being almost uniformly grey-brown. The scattered denticles on the corpus bursae of Euchoeca are minute and far less prominent than those found in Agnibesa or Asthenotricha.

REMARKS. Only one species is recorded under this genus. The species, *cichisa* Prout, 1939 (Prout, 1934–1939: 253, pl. 18: c, type specimens from West China: Mt Omei, Gipfel., in BMNH, examined) was placed under *Euchoeca* by Parsons *et al.* (*in* Scoble, 1999) under the mistaken assumption that Prout had described it under that genus. In fact, *cichisa* was originally described under *Eupithecia* where it properly belongs.

DISTRIBUTION. Europe, Transcaucasia, Russia, Japan.

SPECIES INCLUDED. The genus is monotypic. Genitalia examined: *nebulata* (male, female).

# Euchoeca nebulata (Scopoli, 1763) (Phalaena)

Geometra hepararia Hübner, [1799]. Geometra heparata [Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775 Phalaena obliterata Hufnagel, 1767 Phalaena strigata Thunberg, 1788

Widespread in Europe, and across Russia to Japan.

FOODPLANTS. Betulaceae: Alnus glutinosa; Alnus incana; Alnus.

# Epicyme Meyrick, 1885

(Figs 77; 200, 233; 273.)

Epicyme Meyrick, 1885: 589. Type species: Ptychopoda rubropunctaria Doubleday, 1843: 287. [Replacement name for Hippolyte Meyrick.] Hippolyte Meyrick, 1883: 526. Type species: Ptychopoda rubropunctaria Doubleday, 1843. [Junior homonym of Hippolyte Leach, [1814] 1830 (Crustacea).]

MOTH (Fig. 77). Head. Frons narrow, not prominent. Labial palpi narrow and short. Antenna simple, ciliated in male. Wings. Brownish with numerous wavy transverse lines, female with large, darker brown, irregular spots on lower half of forewing at postmedial position. Wing shape and venation of forewing as in Hydrelia, but vein  $R_1$ ,  $R_{2-4}$  and  $R_5$  arising independently from near apex of areole, not sharing a common stem. Hindwing: apex pointed, termen weakly angled medially; vein  $M_3$  of the hindwing stalked with  $CuA_1$ .

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 200, 233). Labides present as membranous outpushings of diaphragmata (difficult to discern in slide preparations) with numerous setae. Juxta with narrow extension. Valva weakly but distinctively curved; hair-like scales arising from apex; costa weakly sclerotized, broadened slightly at middle; sacculus not extended or otherwise modified. Aedeagus: vesica lacking cornuti.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 273). Ductus bursae mostly membranous, anterior portion sclerotized. Corpus bursae with small bundle of spines near cervix bursae; signum elliptical, composed of long radiating spines.

DIAGNOSIS. Many external characters are similar to those in *Hydrelia*, but the frons is narrow and not prominent in Epicyme rubropunctaria. The genitalia, however, differ strongly: in Epicyme the valva bears a series of long, fixed hair-like setae with expanded apices around its distal margin, the sacculus of the valva is not sclerotized and lacks an extension, the ductus bursae is unsclerotized posteriorly, and the signum is composed of long radiating spines rather than denticles. The male genitalia of E. rubropunctaria are similar to those of the monotypic Peruvian genus Leucoctenorrhoe, but there are many differences between them: notably, in Leucotenorrhoe the antenna are bipectinate (in both sexes); vein R, of the forewing arises independently from near the apex of the areole; and vein M<sub>3</sub> of the hindwing is stalked with CuA<sub>1</sub>.

DISTRIBUTION. Australia, New Zealand.

REMARKS. Unlike most Asthenini, the frons of this species is not prominent, the sacculus of the valva is not extended, and the labides are inconspicuous, membranous outpushings. However, the reduced condition of the labial palpi and the uncus, and the signum with its radiating spines means that the genus is reasonably included in the tribe.

SPECIES INCLUDED. One species is known. Genitalia examined: *rubropunctaria* (male, female).

# Epicyme rubropunctaria (Doubleday, 1843) (Ptychopoda)

Asthena mullata Guenée, 1868. Asthena risata Guenée, [1858]. Asthena vexata Walker, 1869.

Australia, New Zealand.

## Eschatarchia Warren, 1894

(Figs 78; 201, 234; 274.)

Eschatarchia Warren, 1894: 395. Type species: Eschatarchia lineata Warren, 1894: 295.

MOTH (Fig. 78). Head. Frons not broadened, slightly protuberant. Labial palpi minute, projecting slightly beyond head. Antenna in both sexes ciliate. Wings broad, off-white with strong markings at termen; both wings with termen angled at  $M_3$  and crenulated from apex to angle, nearly straight below angle; vein  $R_1$  diverging from the common stem of  $R_{2-4}$  beyond (distal to) the divergence point of  $R_5$ ; venation almost identical to that of Agnibesa, but forewing with areole larger.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 201, 234). Saccus large. Labides broad, as long as the length of tegumen, expanded terminally into relatively membranous head. Juxta slightly constricted medially. Valva broad; sacculus well sclerotized, extending beyond margin, asymmetrical between each valva in shape and size. Aedeagus: vesica with patch of cornuti and three sclerotized plates. Sternum A8 of abdomen unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 274). Apophyses anteriores short. Ductus bursae strongly sclerotized to the distal part of corpus bursae. Corpus bursae covered almost entirely with minute denticles; signum composed of radiating denticles.

DIAGNOSIS. The wing colour and pattern of *Eschatarchia lineata* resembles that of *Chalyboclydon marginata* (excluded from Asthenini, see p. 106). The asymmetrical valvae and the wing markings are good distinguishing features of *Eschatarchia*. It is further distinguished from *Hydrelia* by its forewing venation, vein  $R_1$  diverging from the common stem of  $R_{2-4}$  beyond (distal to) the divergence point of  $R_5$ .

DISTRIBUTION. Japan, China, Burma.

SPECIES INCLUDED. One described species. Genitalia examined: *lineata formosana* (male), *lineata lineata* (male, female), undescribed species from Burma and West China (male).

#### Eschatarchia lineata Warren, 1894

Hydrelia angularia Leech, 1897 Eschatarchia lineata formosana Inoue, 1970. Syn. n. Japan, China, Burma.

REMARKS. The subspecies *formosana* was described (Inoue, 1970) because of its more deeply incurved submarginal dark line on the forewing and the slightly more pronounced angle of the termen. These characters, however, can be found in certain specimens of the nominate subspecies from Japan, and some of them vary even more strongly. The male genitalia of the type specimens of *lineata* and *formosana* are indistinguishable.

Prout (1934–1939: 180) wrote of a darker 'form' of *lineata* from Burma. The median band on the underside of both wings, which is composed of four dark lines, is complete, not interrupted or reduced. The male genitalia also differ somewhat from *lineata*: the sacculus lobe of the left side is markedly narrower, and the main bundle of cornuti are very weak and small, with the individual spines much shorter. Prout predicted that the form would probably be discovered in West China. We have, indeed, located a male from Sichuan Province, West China, which is quite similar to the specimen from Burma. Given the differences, it seems likely that the form from Burma and West China represents an undescribed species.

## 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea Warren, 1898

(Figs 79; 202, 235; 275.)

The generic placement of *flexilinea* is unclear. It is not congeneric with the type species of *Chalyboclydon* Warren (*C. marginata* Warren), with which it was combined in the past. However, given the substantial amount of work that is evidently needed on the Larentiinae, we prefer at this stage neither to force a doubtful recombination with another asthenine genus, nor to describe a new genus for *flexilinea*. Details of *marginata* are provided under *Chalyboclydon* below. The wing markings of *flexilinea* and *marginata* are similar but distinct (compare Figs 79, 180); the venation and genitalia differ markedly.

MOTH (Fig. 79). *Head*. Frons slightly more prominent than in *marginata*, labial palpi shorter. Antenna simple in both sexes. *Wings*. Forewing: apex less produced, termen hardly marked. Hindwing with hind margin elongate and a little incurved, anal angle pointed; termen hardly angled. Venation: forewing with areole absent; stalk of  $R_{1-5}$  arising from upper angle of cell;  $R_1$  diverges from common stalk after (distal to) point of divergence of  $R_5$ ; hindwing with Sc+R<sub>1</sub> combined with Rs to near end of cell, Rs stalked with  $M_1$ ; cell in both wings extremely short, maximum length less than 1/3 of wing length; discocellulars less oblique than in *marginata*;  $M_2$  arising slightly closer to  $M_1$  than to  $M_5$ ;  $M_3$  stalked with  $CuA_1$ ,  $CuA_2$  arising near lower angle of cell.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 202, 235). Saccus broad, with a narrower, nearly quadrate extension. Labides well developed, with bases triangular, apex slightly broadened and setose. Juxta broad. Valva costa simple; sacculus much simpler than in *marginata*, with small spine-like process extending just beyond margin of valva. Aedeagus: vesica with some scattered denticles. Abdomen: sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 275). Ductus bursae long, anterior half sclerotized. Corpus bursae long, shorter than ductus bursae, with two small signa composed of radiating denticles, one near cervix bursae and another at middle, dense covering of denticles on side opposite signa. Sternum A7 not modified.

DIAGNOSIS. 'C.' flexilinea differs from C. marginata in several ways. The forewing lacks an areole and in the hindwing  $M_3$  is stalked with  $CuA_1$ . The very short cell in both wings differs from almost all other genera other than Cleptocosmia. In Cleptocosmia the palpi are longer and the basal half of the forewing is clothed with erect furry hair in the male. The male and female genitalia are distinctive.

DISTRIBUTION. India, Sikkim, Burma. Genitalia examined: *flexilinea* (male, female).

# 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea Warren, 1898: 22

India, Sikkim, Burma.

REMARKS. The species was described from a single female specimen, labelled as *flexilinea* by Warren and, incorrectly, as *Chalyboclydon marginata* Warren by Prout (for details see below under *Chalyboclydon*).

# Palpoctenidia Prout, 1930

(Figs 80, 81; 203, 236; 259; 276.)

Palpoctenidia Prout, 1930: 311. Type species: Chrysocraspeda phoenicosoma Swinhoe, 1895: 294.

MOTH (Figs 80,81). *Head*. Frons broad, moderately protuberant in male, flat in female. Labial palpi slender, extending slightly beyond frons. Antenna bipectinate in male, simple in female. *Wings* broad; forewing greybrown with broad postmedian band nearly reaching termen; apex slightly produced, termen gently rounded, not angled at middle; areole absent in most specimens; vein R<sub>1</sub> diverging from stem of R<sub>1-5</sub> before (proximal to) point of divergence of R<sub>5</sub>; M<sub>1</sub> arising from cell, which is nearly as long as half length of forewing. Hindwing with termen angled at middle; vein Sc+R<sub>1</sub> combined with Rs to 3/4 of cell; veins Rs and M<sub>1</sub> sharing short stalk; discocellulars not biangulate; vein M, arising well anterior to middle of discocellulars.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 203, 236, 259). Saccus broad, weakly excavated. Labides short, curved, well-

sclerotized with apices swollen and united medially, each element with small teeth projecting ventrally. Juxta: narrowing towards apex. Valva: densely setose at apex; sacculus distinctive, excavated terminally so appearing double pointed, with several strong spines subapically; base with long hairs arising from membranous pouch on each side. Aedeagus weakly curved; vesica lacking cornuti. Sternum A8 (Fig. 259) bearing row of setae along distal margin, otherwise unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 276). Bursa copulatrix: ductus bursae short, sclerotized throughout; corpus bursae globose, signum long, narrow and composed of stout radiating spines, arranged more sparsely than in usual condition, and diminishing in size to apex; surface of corpus with scattered minute denticles. Segment A7 with pair of lateral pockets.

DIAGNOSIS. The strong subapical spines on the sacculus and the row of setae along the distal margin of the abdominal sternum A8 in the male distinguish the single species of *Palpoctenidia* from all other genera in the Asthenini. *Palpoctenidia* resembles 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea in lacking an areole on the forewing and by the similar wing markings, notably the strongly protuberant postmedian band on the forewing. This band almost touches the termen medially whereas in flexilinea the band actually meets the termen. *Palpoctenidia* is also clearly distinguished from flexilinea by the bipectinate condition of the male antenna and the marked differences in the genitalia.

REMARKS. The excavated sacculus is similar to that found in *Asthena*. Although an areole is absent in most material of *P. phoenicosoma*, in four specimens in the BMNH from 'Rantaizan, Formosa' [Taiwan], collected by Wileman a single small areole is present.

Asthenine features of *Palpoctenidia* include the absence of an uncus and the presence of typically asthenine labides. The extension of the sacculus is notable and much modified. Although the signum is composed of stout spines, their radiating arrangement is merely a modification of the basic asthenine plan.

DISTRIBUTION. China, Japan, India.

SPECIES INCLUDED. One species. Genitalia examined: *phoenicosoma phoenicosoma* (male, female), *p. semilauta* (male).

Palpoctenidia phoenicosoma phoenicosoma (Swinhoe, 1895) (Chrysocraspeda)

India, China.

Palpoctenidia phoenicosoma semilauta Prout, 1938

Japan.

#### Asthenotricha Warren, 1899

(Figs 82–111; 204, 205; 237, 238; 277, 278.)

Asthenotricha Warren, 1899: 34. Type species: Asthenotricha dentatissima Warren, 1899: 34. Astenotricha Debauche, 1938: 40. (An incorrect subsequent spelling.)

MOTH (Figs 82-111). Head. From less prominent than in Hydrelia. Labial palpi stronger and longer than in typical Hydrelia. Antenna; ciliated in male. Wings. Ochreous to purplish brown, often with broad fascia across forewings and hindwings forming a U in resting posture. Forewing: fairly broad; termen rounded, apex often pointed; tornus rounded; areole single; vein R, diverges from R<sub>2-4</sub> proximal to point at which R<sub>5</sub> diverges; male of dentatissima group with patch of modified scales on dorsal and ventral surfaces. Hindwing: relatively broad, termen rounded; male of dentatissima group with costa markedly expanded and with large hairpencil on dorsal surface; hindwing unmodified in argyridia group; discocellulars not biangulate; anastomosis of Sc+R, with Rs rather shorter than in most Larentiinae; vein Rs not stalked with M. in type species, but stalked in most species.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 204, 205, 237, 238). Tegumen/?uncus with distinctive, long, narrow anterior extension. Saccus broad, short. Labides in form of a pair of finger-like processes, usually extending to just beyond middle of tegumen. Juxta W-shaped, often with central arm long. Valva: costa straight; sacculus with well-developed finger-like extension. Aedeagus: vesica simple, without cornuti.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 277, 278). Ductus bursae: antrum with very wide mouth, narrowing so that antrum appears conspicuously Y- or V-shaped; colliculum usually very short and situated distinctively in middle of the membranous duct. Corpus bursae: signum long, narrow or pear-shaped, composed of radiating spines; prominent (*Eupithecia*-like) denticles present or absent from corpus bursae.

DIAGNOSIS. In *Asthenotricha* the most notable distinguishing features are the extended uncus/ tegumen, the W-shaped juxta, the Y- or V-shaped antrum and the very short colliculum situated, usually, in the middle of the ductus bursae. The hindwing is broader than in *Hydrelia*, even in those species where it is not markedly expanded in the male.

REMARKS. We have included *Asthenotricha* in the Asthenini despite the presence of well developed labial palpi. What appears to be an uncus is also stronger than is typical for the tribe, and there are *Eupithecia*-like denticles on the corpus bursae of some species. However, the sacculus is extended, the form of the labides fits the condition widely encountered in the tribe, and

the signum is typically asthenine, being composed of radiating spines.

DISTRIBUTION. Afrotropics, including Madagascar. Species included. Thirty-four.

## The dentatissima group

This group is distinguished by the presence of a hair tuft on the hindwing of the male and a broadened costa.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Twenty-six. Genitalia examined: amblycoma (male), anisobapta (male, female), barnsae (male, female), dentatissima (male, female), flavicoma (male), lophopterata (male, female), malostigma (male, female), polydora (male, female), proschora (male, female), pycnoconia (male), serraticornis (male, female), torata (male, female), tripogonias (male, female).

# Asthenotricha amblycoma Prout, 1935

Equatorial Guinea.

Asthenotricha anisobapta Prout, 1932 Kenya, Uganda.

Asthenotricha ansorgei Warren, 1899 Kenya, Uganda.

Asthenotricha barnsae Prout, 1935

Kenya, Uganda.

Asthenotricha comosissima Herbulot, 1970 Madagascar.

Asthenotricha deficiens Herbulot, 1954 Madagascar.

Asthenotricha dentatissima Warren, 1899 Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Zaïre.

Asthenotricha fernandi Prout, 1935 Equatorial Guinea.

Asthenotricha flavicoma Warren, 1899 Cameroon, Uganda, Zaïre.

Asthenotricha furtiva Herbulot, 1960 Madagascar.

Asthenotricha grandis Herbulot, 1997 Rwanda. Asthenotricha lophopterata (Guenée, [1858]) (Acidalia)

Madagascar, Reunion.

Asthenotricha malostigma Prout, 1921 Zaïre.

Asthenotricha nesiotes Herbulot, 1954 Madagascar.

Asthenotricha parabolica Herbulot, 1954 Madagascar.

Asthenotricha polydora Debauche, 1938 (as Astenotricha)

Uganda, Zaïre.

Asthenotricha proschora Fletcher, 1958 Uganda, Zaïre.

Asthenotricha psephotaenia Prout, 1935 Uganda, Zaïre.

Asthenotricha pycnoconia Janse, 1933 South Africa, Uganda.

Asthenotricha pythia Debauche, 1938 (as Astenotricha)

Zaïre.

Asthenotricha quadrata Herbulot, 1960

Madagascar.

REMARKS. In this species the hind margin of the forewing is not elongate. Both wings are shaped in a similar way to those in *Hydrelia*.

Asthenotricha semidivisa semidivisa Warren, 1901

Cameroon, Uganda.

Asthenotricha semidivisa enchroma Prout, 1921

Zaïre.

Asthenotricha serraticornis Warren, 1902

Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda.

Asthenotricha straba Prout, 1921

Angola, Cameroon, Kenya, Uganda, Zaïre.

Asthenotricha torata Prout, 1932

Madagascar.

REMARKS. This species differs from other species of the genus, as does *tripogonias*, by the forewing of the male, which is folded and bears conspicuous androconia. Prout (1932: 108) expressed his doubts that the species belonged to *Asthenotricha*. However, in both species the male genitalia fit the general pattern exhibited by the type species. Although the corpus bursae bears *Eupithecia*-like denticles, the antrum and colliculum are characteristic of *Asthenotricha*. Females differ from males in colour and markings. Contrary to Prout's description, a hair-tuft is in fact present on the hindwing of males of *torata*, although it is smaller and paler than in other species.

Asthenotricha tripogonias Prout, 1926
Réunion.

## The argyridia group

In *argyridia* and its relatives, the hair tuft on the hindwing of the male is lacking and the costa of the hindwing is not broadened.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Eight species. Genitalia examined: *argyridia* (male, female), *costalis* (male), *inutilis* (male), *meruana* (male), *sjostedti sjostedti* (male), *strangulata* (male), *unipecten* (male, female).

Asthenotricha argyridia (Butler, 1894) comb. n. (Cataclysme)

Eulype? disparata Warren, 1897 Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda.

Asthenotricha candace (Prout, 1929) comb. n. (Hydrelia)

Ethiopia.

Asthenotricha costalis (Aurivillius, 1910) comb. n. (Hydrelia)

Kenya.

Asthenotricha inutilis Warren, 1901

Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa, Uganda.

Asthenotricha meruana (Aurivillius, 1910) comb. n. (Hydrelia)

Tanzania.

Asthenotricha sjostedti sjostedti (Aurivillius, 1910) comb. n.

Hydrelia sjostedti Aurivillius, 1910.

Kenya, Tanzania.

# Asthenotricha sjostedti mionoseista (Prout, 1921) comb. n. (Hydrelia)

Rwanda, Zaïre.

# Asthenotricha strangulata Herbulot, 1953

Kenya.

# Asthenotricha nnipecten (Prout, 1915) (Hydrelia)

Hydrelia unipecten tamsi Prout, 1935.

Kenya, Uganda, Zaïre, São Tome & Principe.

REMARKS. Prout (1915; 1934–1939) noted that the antenna of the male is unipectinate. In fact this condition also occurs in the female, although the pectinations are shorter in this sex. Unipectinate antennae are rare in Larentiinae so this is an unusual character.

Further study is required to assess the taxonomic status of Prout's subspecies *taunsi*.

#### Venusia Curtis, 1839

(Figs 112–140; 191; 206–208; 239–241; 279–280.)

Venusia Curtis, 1839: 759. Type species: Venusia cambrica Curtis, 1839: 759.

Discoloxia Warren, 1895: 105. Type species: Cidaria obliquisigna Moore, 1888: 278.

MOTH (Figs 112–140). *Head*. Frons broad, generally protuberant. Labial palpi minute. Antenna of male ciliate or bipectinate with pectinations short. *Wings*. Whitish to grey; forewing usually darker than hindwing; rarely uniformly brown; broad, termen of both wings gently curved, not angled or dentate. Venation as in Fig. 191). Forewing with a single areole,  $R_1$  and  $R_{2-5}$  arising from apex of areole, or  $R_1$  diverging after short union with  $R_{2-5}$ ; vein  $M_1$  diverging from areole; discocellulars curved and oblique, occasionally biangulate. Hindwing with discocellulars biangulate, vein  $M_2$  arising from the second angle, close to  $M_3$ .

MALE GENITALIA (Fig. 206–208; 239–241). Saccus generally broader and longer than tegumen. Labides extending from bases of valvae with slightly expanded, setose apices, bases united with those of transtillae. Juxta weakly sclerotized, plate-like, sometimes pointed posteriorly. Valva: usually narrowing to apex rather than rounded; sacculus with prominent extension other than in *dilecta* Yazaki where process is absent. Aedeagus simple, vesica lacking cornuti. Sternum A8 of male not modified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Figs 279, 280). Ductus bursae weakly sclerotized throughout length other than for a short membrane. Corpus bursae generally globose, often with numerous minute denticles, sometimes dense, or small spines; signum usually long and narrow,

sometimes pear-shaped, sometimes small and almost round, composed of radiating denticles, occasionally with additional small signum distally.

DIAGNOSIS. Similar to *Hydrelia*, but the hindwing discocellulars of *Venusia* are distinctly biangulate and sometimes the male antennae are bipectinate. In the female of *Venusia*, the surface of the corpus bursae lacks denticles more often than in *Hydrelia*. In those species of *Venusia* where denticles are present, they tend to be arranged more densely.

DISTRIBUTION. Palaearctic, Nearctic and Oriental regions.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Forty-two described species, one doubtfully included. Genitalia examined: albinea (male, female), apicistrigaria (female), balausta (male, female), biangulata (male, female), blomeri blomeri (male, female), cambrica (male, female), comptaria (male, female), conisaria conisaria (male, female), crassisigna (male, female), eucosma (male), kioudjrouaria (female), laria laria (male, female), lilacina lilacina (male, female), limata (male, female). maniata (male, female), marmoraria (male, female), naparia (male, female), nigrifurca (male, female), obliquisigna (male, female), ochrota (male), pallidaria (male, female), paradoxa (male), pearsalli (male, female), planicaput (male, female), punctiuncula (male, female), purpuraria (male, female), roseicosta (male), scitularia (male, female), scitularia (male, female), sikkimensis (male, female), tchraria (male, female), violettaria (male, female), yasudai (male, female).

# Vennsia accentnata (Prout, 1914) (Discoloxia)

China.

# Vennsia albinea (Prout, 1938) (Discoloxia)

Pakistan.

REMARKS. The female genitalia of this species has a small, almost round signum composed of radiating denticles. Otherwise *albinea* is a typical species of *Venusia*.

Venusia apicistrigaria (Djakonov, 1936) (Discoloxia)

China.

Vennsia balausta Xue, 1999

China.

Venusia biangulata (Sterneck, 1938) (Discoloxia)

China.

## Venusia blomeri blomeri (Curtis, 1832) (Melanippe)

Cidaria pulchraria Eversmann, 1842.

Widespread in Europe, across Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia to Japan, China (far N E), and North America.

FOODPLANTS. Ulmaceae: Ulmus glabra; Ulmus.

## Venusia blomeri euchloe (Bryk, 1949) (Discoloxia)

Korea.

# Venusia blomeri szechuanensis Wehrli, 1931

China (S W).

## Venusia brevipectinata Prout, 1938

India.

#### Venusia cambrica cambrica Curtis, 1839

Venusia cambrica shuotsu Bryk, 1949.

Venusia cambricaria Guenée, [1858] [Emendation of cambrica Curtis.]

Hydrelia cambricata Herrich-Schäffer, 1861. [Emendation of cambrica Curtis.]

Eubolia erutaria Boisduval, 1840

Acidalia nebulosaria Freyer, 1850

Tephrosia scitularia Walker, 1860

Widespread across the Holarctic region.

FOODPLANTS. Betulaceae: Aluns incana tennifolia; Almus rubra; Betula; Ericaceae: Vaccinium; Rosaceae: Amelanchier; Malus; Sorbus americana; Sorbus aucuparia; Sorbus; Salicaceae: Populus trichocarpa; Salix.

#### Venusia cambrica aphrodite Bryk, 1942

Russia (Kurile Islands).

#### Venusia comptaria (Walker, 1860) (Tephrosia)

Venusia palumbes Franclemont, 1938. Larentia perlineata Packard, 1873. Euchoeca salienta Pearsall, 1905.

Canada, U.S.A.

#### Venusia conisaria conisaria Hampson, 1903

China, Nepal, Sikkim.

#### Venusia conisaria hypoconia (Prout, 1938) (Discoloxia)

Kashmir.

## Venusia crassisigna Inoue, 1987

Nepal, China.

## Venusia dilecta Yazaki, 1995

Nepal.

Venusia eucosma (Prout, 1914) (Discoloxia)

Venusia inefficax (Prout, 1938) (Discoloxia)

## Venusia kasyata Wiltshire, 1966

Afghanistan.

## Venusia kioudjrouaria Oberthür, 1893

China.

#### Venusia laria laria Oberthür, 1893

Venusia laria Oberthür, 1893.

China.

Venusia laria ilara (Prout, 1938) (Discoloxia)

Japan.

Venusia lilacina lilacina (Warren, 1893)

(Hydrelia)

Sikkim, Nepal.

Venusia lilacina melanogramma Wehrli, 1931 subsp. rev. (Venusia (Discoloxia))

China.

Venusia lilacina rala (Prout, 1938)

(Discoloxia)

Kashmir.

Venusia limata Inoue, 1982

Nepal.

Venusia lineata Wileman, 1916

China.

Venusia maniata Xue, 1999

China.

Venusia marmoraria (Leech, 1897) (Hydrelia)

China.

Venusia megaspilata (Warren, 1895) (Discoloxia)

Japan.

Venusia naparia Oberthür, 1893

China.

Venusia nigrifurca (Prout, 1926) (Discoloxia)

Burma, China.

Venusia obliquisigna (Moore, 1888) (Cidaria)

India, Nepal, China.

Venusia ochrota Hampson, 1903

Venusia roseicosta Yazaki, 1994, syn. n.

China, Nepal.

Venusia pallidaria Hampson, 1903

Pakistan.

Venusia paradoxa Xue, 1999

China.

Venusia participata (Sauter, 1869)

(Eupithecia)

Germany.

Venusia pearsalli (Dyar, 1906) (Euchoeca)

Canada, U.S.A.

FOODPLANTS. Aceraceae: Acer circinatum; Betulaceae: Alnus incana tenuifolia; Alnus rubra; Alnus viridis sinuata; Betula; Cornaceae: Cornus nuttalli; Fagaceae: Quercus garryana; Rosaceae: Crataegus; Malus; Salicaceae: Populus tremuloides; Populus trichocarpa; Salix.

Venusia phasma (Butler, 1879) (Emmelesia)

Japan.

Venusia planicaput Inoue, 1987

Nepal, China.

Venusia punctiuncula Prout, 1938

China.

Venusia purpuraria (Hampson, 1895)

India.

Venusia scitula Xue, 1999

China.

Venusia semistrigata semistrigata (Christoph, 1881) (Cidaria)

Russia.

Venusia semistrigata expressa Inoue, 1963

Japan.

Venusia sikkimensis (Warren, 1893)

(Hydrelia)

Sikkim, Bhutan, Nepal, India, China.

Venusia syngenes Wehrli, 1931 (Venusia (Discoloxia))

China

Venusia tchraria Oberthür, 1893

China.

Venusia violettaria Wehrli, 1931 (Venusia (Discoloxia))

Venusia (Discoloxia) violettaria kukunoora Wehrli, 1931.

China.

Venusia yasudai Inoue, 1987

Nepal.

Species of uncertain identity

'Venusia' distrigaria (Boisduval, 1833)

Madagascar.

REMARKS. Boisduval (1833: 263) wrote of this species, under the name *Geometra distrigaria* Boisduval 'Elle a le port de la *Bilinearia* [sic] d'Europe, mais elle est un tiers plus petite.' However, there were no Geometridae species from Europe (or from anywhere else) named '*bilinearia*' before 1833. In his checklist to the Lepidoptera of Madagascar, Viette (1990: 248) cited *distrigaria* as unidentified and without the type having been found. Although the species was placed in *Venusia* by Parsons *et al.* (*in* Scoble, 1999), and in the card index to Geometridae in the BMNH, its identity and generic placement remain unclear.

## Nomenia Pearsall, 1905 gen. rev.

(Figs 141; 209, 242; 281.)

Nomenia Pearsall, 1905: 126. Type species: Larentia duodecimlineata Packard, 1873: 19.

Nomenia Pearsall; Ferguson in Hodges et al., 1983: 104. (Listed as a junior synonym of *Venusia* Curtis.)

MOTH (Fig. 141). *Head.* Frons weakly protuberant. Labial palpi short and slender. Antenna: male with a short, single, fasciculate protrusion on each flagellomere; female simple. *Wings.* Usually with bands of multiple transverse lines, sometimes lines not conspicuous; termen smooth. Forewing medium grey; vein  $R_1$  stalked with  $R_{2-4}$ ,  $R_5$  arising independently from apex of areole, or, rarely, stalked with stem of  $R_{2-4}$ ; areole single; discocellulars strongly biangulate. Hindwing: pale grey to almost white, distinctly paler than forewing; discocellulars biangulate.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 209, 242). Saccus smaller than tegumen. Labides extending to apex of tegumen, densely setose laterally. Juxta flask-shaped. Valva: costa densely setose, margin weakly convex; sacculus with long, finger-like extension, and a small, spined hump at base of extension. Aedeagus simple, without cornuti. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 281). Bursa copulatrix: ductus bursae sclerotized throughout; corpus bursae lacking signum, covered with *Eupithecia*-like spines except posteriorly, spines smaller towards anterior end of corpus bursae.

DIAGNOSIS. The genitalia of *Nomenia* exhibit a general similarity to *Venusia*, but the genus differs in the presence of a single protrusion on each flagellomere in the male and the presence of setae on the labides. The presence of numerous *Eupithecia*-type spines on the corpus bursae of the female of *Nomenia* and the absence in that sex of a discrete signum clearly distinguishes it from *Venusia*.

REMARKS. The similarities between the male genitalia of *Nomenia* and *Venusia* are notable. However, we prefer to revive *Nomenia* as a separate genus particularly because of the absence of a signum and the presence of typical *Eupithecia*-style denticles on the corpus bursae. Despite the absence of a typical asthenine signum, we retain the genus within the tribe given the close similarity between the genitalia and those of *Venusia*, and because of the reduced labial palpi. The absence of the asthenine signum is, therefore, interpreted as a loss.

DISTRIBUTION. North America.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Two species. Genitalia examined: *duodecimlineata duodecimlineata* (male, female).

# Nomenia duodecimlineata duodecimlineata (Packard, 1873) (Larentia)

Nomenia unipecta Pearsall, 1906

U.S.A. Type locality: California.

# Nomenia duodecimlineata secunda Pearsall, 1906

U.S.A.: Type locality: Colorado.

REMARKS. Listed as a subspecies by Ferguson in Hodges et al., 1983: 104.

#### Nomenia obsoleta Swett, 1916

Canada.

#### Hastina Moore, 1888

(Figs 142, 143; 192; 210, 243; 282.)

Hastina Moore, 1888: 260. Type species: Hastina caeruleolineata Moore, 1888: 260.

MOTH (Fig. 142, 143). Head. Frons rounded, prominent. Labial palpi reduced, not significantly extended beyond frons. Antenna simple in both sexes, ciliated. Wings. Dark brown with weak yellowish lines (caeruleolineata) or pale brown with conspicuous and wider yellow lines (*pluristrigata*). Venation as in Fig. 192. Forewing: broad, apex pointed, termen concave below apex, produced at the end of M, and CuA, straight below CuA<sub>1</sub>; areole single, small, vein R<sub>1</sub> long, stalked with R<sub>2-4</sub>, vein R<sub>5</sub> not stalked or only very briefly stalked with R<sub>1-4</sub>, R<sub>1</sub> diverging from the stem well distal to base of R<sub>s</sub>. Hindwing: strongly crenulated, with sharp 'teeth' at the end of M, and M, and excised between them; cell short, discocellulars angled at middle, but not biangulate, vein M, arising at about upper 1/4 of discocellulars, M<sub>3</sub> not stalked with CuA<sub>4</sub>.

MALE GENITALIA (Fig. 210, 243). Uncus possibly present as a small, triangular vestige at apex of tegumen. Saccus broad, but smaller than in *Hydrelia*. Labides about half length of tegumen, broadening and rounded at apices. Juxta narrow. Valva: narrow, sacculus with a weakly sclerotized, slender spine-like extension. Aedeagus: simple, vesica without cornuti. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 282). Ductus bursae long, weakly sclerotized throughout except for a short membranous break at middle; antrum absent. Bursa copulatrix: corpus bursae globose with dense covering of *Eupithecia*-like denticles (*caeruleolineata*) or minute denticles (*pluristrigata*) on anterior half; signum composed of fairly long radiating spines.

DIAGNOSIS. The male genitalia broadly resemble those of *Hydrelia*. *Hastina*, *Macrohastina* and *Bihastina* can be distinguished from other asthenine genera by the strongly dentate termen of both fore- and hindwings. *Hastina* differs from *Macrohastina* by the different wing colour and pattern and the absence of cornuti on the vesica, and from *Bihastina* by differences in the venation and genitalia (see diagnosis under that genus).

REMARKS. The posterior extension of the juxta takes the form of a narrow tongue in *caerulineata*, and it arises clearly from the juxta plate. In *pluristrigata*,

however, the structure is more strongly sclerotized and appears to be derived from a union of sclerites at the base of the valvae. A tongue-like sclerite does occur, confusingly, in *pluristrigata*, but it is not apparently an extension of the juxta as it is a sclerotization of the dorsal diaphragmata (fultura superior).

DISTRIBUTION. Burma, China, India, Japan, Russia.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Three species. Sometimes *caeruleolineata* is treated as subspecies of *subfalcaria*. Genitalia examined: *caeruleolineata* (male, female), *pluristrigata* (male, female).

#### Hastina caeruleolineata Moore, 1888

Burma, China, India.

## Hastina pluristrigata (Moore, 1868) (Hyria?)

China, India.

REMARKS. Although the shape of the hindwing of this species is almost the same as in *caeruleolineata*, the genitalia of both sexes are distinctive, the anal papillae being strongly sclerotized and forming a short, pointed ovipositor. It is further distinguished from *caeruleolineata* by the more weakly crenulated condition of the forewing termen.

# Hastina subfalcaria (Christoph, 1881) (Acidalia)

Japan, Russia.

#### Macrohastina Inoue, 1982

(Figs 144-146; 211, 244; 283.)

Macrohastina Inoue, 1982: 471. Type species: Erosia azela Butler, 1878: 403.

MOTH (Fig. 144–146). Similar to *Hastina* in wing shape, but not colour and pattern. *Head*. Frons neither prominent nor broad. Labial palpi minute, not extending beyond frons. Antenna ciliated. *Wings*. Colour and pattern distinctive, very similar in all three species. Venation as for *Hastina* except: forewing: areole single; hindwing with vein M<sub>2</sub> arising from middle of discocellulars, and vein M<sub>3</sub> stalked or not stalked with CuA<sub>1</sub>.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 211, 244). Saccus similar to that in *Hastina* or slightly shorter. Labides slightly less prominent than in *Hastina*. Juxta narrow. Valva: sacculus produced into a short spine or merely a pointed lobe. Aedeagus: vesica with cornuti in form of spines or denticles.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 283). Ductus bursae broad posteriorly, narrowing toward middle of length; posterior half strongly sclerotized. Corpus bursae:

signum composed of radiating denticles; large patch of prominent *Eupithecia*-style denticles also present in *M. azela* and *M. gemmifera*, minute denticles present in *M. stenozona*.

DIAGNOSIS. The three species have a distinctive and very similar wing colour and pattern making the genus easy to distinguish from all others. The sclerotizations of the corpus bursae are also characteristic.

REMARKS. The three species in this genus are very similar in wing shape, colour and pattern and in genital structure. When describing the genus, Inoue (1982: 471) noted that in *M. azela* and *M. gemunifera* vein M<sub>3</sub> of the hindwing is stalked with CuA<sub>1</sub>. However, in *M. stenozona* M<sub>3</sub> is not stalked so the venational character should not be considered diagnostic for the genus. Nevertheless, we retain the genus *Macrohastina* because of other similarities between the three species, although it might be argued that this genus, *Hastina* and *Bihastina* should be treated as synonymous.

DISTRIBUTION. China, Japan, India, Nepal, Burma.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Three species. Genitalia examined: *azela* (male, female), *gemmifera* (male, female), *stenozona* (male, female).

# Macrohastina azela (Butler, 1878) (Erosia)

Japan.

# Macrohastina gemmifera (Moore, 1868) (Acidalia?)

India, Nepal, China.

# Macrohastina stenozona (Prout, 1926) comb. n. (Hastina)

Hastina azela stenozona Prout, 1926. Hastina stenozona Prout; Xue & Zhu, 1999.

Burma, India, China.

REMARKS. This species differs from the two others in the genus by the following characters:  $\operatorname{vein} M_3$  is not stalked with  $\operatorname{CuA}_1$  on the hindwing; the sacculus of the valva bears a well-developed extension; cornuti are arranged in two bundles of moderate length spines; the signum is much longer and narrower with denticles on the corpus bursae being very weak and small. However, the wing pattern and colour are extremely similar to the other two species, and  $\operatorname{stenozona}$  would appear therefore to belong to  $\operatorname{Macrohastina}$ .

#### Bihastina Prout, 1916

(Figs 147-149; 212, 245; 284.)

Bihastina Prout, 1916: 26. Type species: Bihastina albolucens Prout, 1916: 26.

MOTH (147–149). Head. Frons not protuberant. Labial palpi reduced, narrow, extending slightly beyond frons. Antenna not pectinate in male. Wings. Semitranslucent with extensive brown markings; termen of both wings deeply dentate. Forewing: two areoles present; vein  $R_1$  arising before apex of second areole, not sharing stalk with  $R_{2-4}$ ; vein  $R_5$  arising from apex of second areole together with  $R_{2-4}$ . Hindwing: Sc+ $R_1$  running close to costa for proximal half, almost touching costa after the cell; discocellulars slightly curved,  $M_2$  arising above middle of cell; vein  $M_3$  not stalked with  $CuA_1$ .

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 212, 245). Uncus probably present in form of a broad, squat, membranous structure. Saccus broad. Labides small, weakly sclerotized, with setose apices. Transtillae well-sclerotized, uniting medially. Juxta with broad base and narrower extension. Valva round terminally, without any extension or projection. Aedeagus: vesica lacking cornuti. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 284). Ductus bursae: antrum present in form of broad funnel; small colliculum present. Corpus bursae: signum appearing stellate, composed of long radiating spines.

DIAGNOSIS. The shape of the wings is similar to *Hastina* and *Macrohastina*. *Bihastina* differs from both these genera by the semi-translucent white wings marked with brown, the unstalked condition of vein R<sub>1</sub>, the presence of two areoles on the forewing, and the rounded rather than elongated shape of the signum.

REMARKS. The structure at the apex of the tegumen is possibly the uncus, although it is membranous and not the typically narrow uncus occurring so widely in Geometridae. The labides are difficult to observe, but appear to be present, although small and inconspicuous, and situated just ventral to the well-sclerotized transtillae which are united to form a strong band dorsal to the aedeagus.

DISTRIBUTION. New Guinea.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Three species. Genitalia examined: *albolucens* (male, female), *subviridata* (male).

#### Bihastina albolucens Prout, 1916

West Irian.

Bihastina subviridata (Bethune-Baker, 1915) (Hastina)

Bihastina mera Prout, 1926.

Papua New Guinea.

Bihastina viridata (Warren, 1906) (Hastina)

Papua New Guinea.

## Leucoctenorrhoe Warren, 1904

(Figs 150; 213, 246; 285)

Leucoctenorrhoe Warren, 1904: 526. Type species: Leucoctenorrhoe quadrilinea Warren, 1904: 527.

MOTH (Fig. 150). *Head*. Frons protuberant as in *Hydrelia*. Labial palpi extremely narrow and short. Antenna in both sexes bipectinate, pectinations very long. *Wings*. White; lines less wavy than in usual Asthenini condition; forewing somewhat narrower and rounder than in most Asthenini. Forewing: areole single, vein  $R_1$  diverging from common stem distal to point at which  $R_5$  diverges; vein  $M_2$  arising slightly closer to  $M_1$  than to  $M_3$  in both fore- and hindwing. Hindwing slightly angled at middle of termen; discocellulars straight, not angled; vein  $M_1$  stalked with Rs;  $M_3$  stalked with  $CuA_1$ , length of stalk variable.

MALE GENITALIA (Fig. 213, 246). Labides with broad apices. Juxta flask-shaped. Valva short, broad, rounded, lacking any extension; apex fringed with hair-like scales expanded at their tips, each scale about as long as valva. Aedeagus short and broad; vesica with small sclerotization, lacking spine-like cornuti. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 285). Anal papillae short and broad; apophyses strong. Ductus bursae short, with small colliculum. Corpus bursae globose; signum pear-shaped, composed of radiating denticles.

DIAGNOSIS. Leucoctenorrhoe quadrilinea is distinguished from Asthena by the presence of bipectinate antennae in both sexes and by the different venation. Leucoctenorrhoe differs from those other genera in which vein  $R_1$  diverges distal to  $R_5$  on the forewing, and in which hindwing vein  $M_3$  is stalked, by the bipectinate antenna, the long cell on the hindwing and the pure white ground colour of both wings. The male genitalia differ from all other Asthenini notably in the short valva with the presence of long scale-like hairs fringing its apex and the short, broad aedeagus. Although the hairs around the apex of the valva occur also in Epicyme, the antennae, venation, aedeagus and female genitalia are different. See diagnosis of Epicyme.

REMARKS. The Peruvian *Leucoctenorrhoe* quadrilinea is the only species of Asthenini recorded from the Neotropics.

DISTRIBUTION. Peru.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Monotypic, Genitalia examined: *quadrilinea* (male, female)

Leucoctenorrhoe quadrilinea Warren, 1904

Peru.

## Parasthena Warren, 1902

(Figs 151; 214, 247; 260, 261; 286.)

Parasthena Warren, 1902: 361. Type species: Parasthena flexilinea Warren, 1902: 362; Holloway, 1997: 183.

MOTH (Fig. 151). Head. From less broad and prominent than in Hydrelia. Antenna simple, nearly smooth in both sexes. Labial palpi minute. Wings. Pale greybrown with darker multiple fasciae and black discal spots. Forewing shaped as in Hydrelia, termen weakly angled; male with small anal lobe; cell short and broad; areole single; vein R<sub>s</sub> separate, arising from below angle of areole. Hindwing: male with posterior margin folded under wing; termen slightly produced at M, and  $M_{s}$ ; cell short and broad,  $Sc+R_{s}$  united with Rs to 3/4 of cell, M<sub>1</sub> stalked with Rs, discocellulars not biangulate.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 214, 247; 260, 261; 286). Tegumen long and narrow. Saccus short and narrow. Labides short. Juxta flask-shaped. Valva broad, covered with long hairs; sacculus without a projection. Aedeagus: vesica lacking cornuti. Sternum A8 with anterior margin produced into pair of short but conspicuous apodemes; tergum A8 with anterior margin produced into a single conspicuous, medial projection.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 286). Ductus bursae: antrum leading into short membranous section of ductus; colliculum long and conspicuous. Corpus bursae: oval rather than globose, with scattering of very weak denticles in region of signum; signum prominent, elongated, composed of long radiating spines.

DIAGNOSIS. The genitalia exhibit many similarities to those of *Poecilasthena*: the tegumen is similarly extended and the saccus is short and of a similar shape; the juxta is of the same form; sternum A8 in the male is modified in both genera; and, in the female, the narrowness of the ductus bursae with its associated colliculum are similar. Parasthena is, however, distinguished from Poecilasthena by having a single areole, an unexpanded costa of the valva, and a prominent colliculum.

REMARKS. Holloway (1997: 183) removed Parastliena from synonymy with Hydrelia, noting that it lacked certain characters of the Asthenini. It is very close to Poecilasthena, but we have not synonymized the genera because of the presence of a single areole and a much larger colliculum in Parasthena.

We have also examined further specimens from Seram and Papua New Guinea of material representing what was noted by Holloway (1997: 184) as 'a related, somewhat more strongly marked, undescribed species'. In the forewing, the costa is heavily marked with dark grey, especially toward apex; the termen is more excavated between the apex and vein M, than in flexilinea;

and the angle of the wing is more pronounced. In the hindwing, the termen is more strongly dentate than in flexilinea, notably at M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>3</sub>. The median band on the forewing and the postmedian band on both wings are darker than in *flexilinea*. The genitalia, however, are not convincingly different, and we are undecided about the taxonomic status of this material.

DISTRIBUTION. Sulawesi; Philippines; Borneo; Seram; Papua New Guinea.

SPECIES INCLUDED. A single named species. Genitalia examined: flexilinea (male, female).

## Parasthena flexilinea Warren, 1902

Sulawesi, Philippines, Borneo.

## Poecilasthena Warren, 1894

(Figs 152–171; 215–218; 262–265; 287–290, 295)

Poecilastliena Warren, 1894: 394. Type species: Acidalia pulchraria Doubleday, 1843: 286. Astheniodes Hampson, 1903: 647. Type species:

Astheniodes polycymaria Hampson, 1903a: 648.

Poecilastliena Warren; Holloway, 1997: 182.

MOTH (Figs 152–171). Head. Frons narrow, not prominent. Labial palpi minute, extended slightly beyond frons. Antenna simple, with short cilia. Wings. Ground colour of fore- and hindwings generally white, marked with numerous transverse lines, pale grey in papuensis group; lines usually pale green to greyish green; wings brown in some species. Forewing: triangular; cell with a minute spot; termen slightly curved, anal angle well expressed; cell longer than half-length of wing; areole double; vein R, arising from before apex of areole; R<sub>s</sub> arising from apex of areole together with R<sub>2,4</sub>. Hindwing: termen slightly angled medially, sometimes rounded, anal margin slightly longer than costa, discocellulars strongly biangulate or not biangulate (papuensis group).

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 215–218, 262–265). Saccus ranging from broad to narrow. Labides curved, forming a harp-like structure, extending as posteriorly directed, broader membranous projections from base of costa. Juxta flask-shaped. Valva covered with setae; sacculus not extended; costa broadened at middle, setae absent from broadened part of costa; coremata prominent, arising from base of valva, or absent. Aedeagus short; vesica with cornuti arranged in a bundle of short spines, sometimes in two bundles, or cornuti absent. Sternum A8 often with proximal margin produced on each side so appearing W-shaped, sometimes the two extensions long and pointed.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Figs 287–290; 295). Ductus bursae short, with small colliculum at lower part. Corpus bursae usually globose or subglobose, rarely more elongated; signum round or oval, composed of spines radiating from denticulate core, sometimes with marked medial ridge (as in Fig. 295).

DIAGNOSIS. In most species of Poecilasthena the discocellulars of the hindwing are strongly biangulate, unlike the situation in Asthena. The two species in the papuensis group, where the discocellulars are not biangulate, are distinguished from Asthena mainly by differences in the genitalia. In the male, the costa of the valva is broadened and hairless, in many species there are a pair of well developed coremata attached to the base of the valva, and sternum A8 often bears a pair of projections from the anterior margin. In the female, the ductus bursae is membranous other than for a small colliculum, and the signum is often circular, with the spines in the middle being minute and those extending from the margin being very long. Poecilasthena exhibits many similarities to Parasthena but has a double areole (single in Parasthena).

REMARKS. Some variation occurs within the genus. In *pulchraria* and *subpurpureata* (Walker) the saccus is smaller and the sacculus very short with a small needle-like terminal process arising from the base of the valva and separating from it slightly. Coremata are absent and the cornuti are arranged in two bundles. Sternum A8 is weakly modified with both ends of the proximal edge extended proximally.

In papuensis and euthecta, the discocellulars in the hindwing are not biangulate and tergum A8 of the male has a medial projection extending from the anterior margin. In the female, the antrum is larger and the signum is smaller with the spines at the middle larger and gradually becoming longer toward the edges.

Notable similarities exist between Poecilasthena and the Eupitheciini in the form of the labides in the male genitalia and the colliculum in the female genitalia. In Eupithecia the juxta is shaped characteristically like an hourglass. The 'lower' (anterior) part of each labides takes the form of a narrow, elbowed rod, one end of which extends into the waist of the hourglass. The 'upper' (posterior) part of the labides, which is less well sclerotized, is broader than the lower section. In Poecilasthena the juxta is flask-shaped with a broad anterior element from which extends a narrow, rodlike component. Although the shape of the juxta differs from that present in Eupithecia, the labides are notably similar. The anterior sclerite narrows and almost meets the rod-like component of the juxta. The posterior part is broader and more membranous. In the female, the ductus bursae is narrow in Poecilasthena and Eupithecia (and in Parasthena) and there is a small colliculum.

DISTRIBUTION. Australia, Burma, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines.

BIOLOGY. Details of life histories were recorded by McFarland (1979: 41,42) for two species (*P. pulchraria* and an undetermined species) and, for *P. pulchraria* by McFarland, 1988: 352–354), and were summarized by Holloway (1997: 182). The larva fed on leaves, flowers and fruits of *Astroloma humifusum* (Epacridaceae, the Australian Heaths), a plant considered likely to be the wild host. The second species (not *'?ischnophrica* Turner' as suggested by McFarland, 1979, see Holloway, 1997), was found feeding on *Leptospermum myrsinoidea*.

SPECIES INCLUDED. 32 species. Genitalia examined: aedoea (male), anthodes (male), burmensis (male), character (male, female), dimorpha (male, female), leucydra (male, female), nubivaga (male, female), papuensis (male, female), prouti (female), pulchraria (male, female), scoliota (female), schistaria (male, female), subpurpureata (male, female), xylocyma (male, female).

Poecilasthena aedoea Turner, 1926

Australia.

Poecilasthena balioloma (Turner, 1907) (Asthena)

Australia.

Poecilasthena burmensis Prout, 1926 Burma.

Poecilasthena character Prout, 1932 Indonesia, Malaysia.

Poecilasthena cisseres Turner, 1933
Australia.

Poecilasthena dimorpha Holloway, 1979

New Caledonia.

REMARKS. This species exhibits features differing from typical *Poecilasthena*. In the forewing, vein  $R_s$  arises from below the apex of the areole, whereas in other species of this genus it typically arises at the apex. The posterior margin of the hindwing is longer than in other species belonging to the genus and the termen is rounded and not angled. In the male, the valva is distinctive being broad with a narrow base and a dense arrangement of long hairs fringing its distal margin. In the female, the corpus bursae is elongated rather than globose or subglobose and the signum is elongated, not rounded.

Poecilasthena euphylla (Meyrick, 1891) (Asthena)

Australia.

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Poecilasthena fragilis Turner, 1942

Australia.

Poecilasthena glaucosa (Lucas, 1888) (as Iodis)

Euchloris (Iodis) microgyna Lower, 1894

Australia.

Poecilasthena inhaesa Prout, 1934

Fiji.

Poecilasthena iopolia (Turner, 1926) (Eccymatoge)

Australia.

Poecilasthena ischnophrica Turner, 1941

Australia.

Poecilasthena leucydra Prout, 1934

Fiji, New Caledonia.

Poecilasthena limnaea Prout, 1926

New Guinea.

Poecilasthena nubivaga Prout, 1932

Indonesia (western).

Poecilasthena oceanias (Meyrick, 1891)

(Asthena)

Australia.

Poecilasthena panapala Turner, 1922

Australia.

Poecilasthena paucilinea Warren, 1906

Papua New Guinea.

Poecilasthena phaeodryas Turner, 1931

Australia.

Poecilasthena pisicolor Turner, 1942

Australia.

Poecilasthena prouti West, 1929 (as

Poecilasthenia)

Philippines.

Poecilasthena pulchraria (Doubleday, 1843)

(Acidalia)

Asthena ondinata Guenée, [1858] Chlorochroma plurilineata Walker, 1861 Asthena pulchraria decolor Turner, 1904

New Zealand, Australia.

FOODPLANTS. Epacridaceae: Astroloma; Brachyloma; Epacris; Monotoca.

Poecilasthena scoliota (Meyrick, 1891) (Asthena)

Australia.

Poecilasthena sthenommata Turner, 1922

Australia.

Poecilasthena subpurpureata (Walker, [**1863**]) (Asthena)

Astheniodes polycymaria Hampson, 1903 Acidalia tuhuata Felder & Rogenhofer, 1875

New Zealand.

REMARKS. The holotype of *polycymaria* is labelled as being from India, which, if correct, would give a very peculiar distribution pattern for subpurpureata. Comparison of the genitalia of the male holotype of polycymaria with those of a specimen of subpurpureata from New Zealand shows a remarkable good match between the structures and there seems to be no reason to treat *polycymaria* as a separate species. Prout (1927: 76) regarded the type locality as being 'evidently in error', and it is difficult to dispute that comment.

Poecilasthena thalassias (Meyrick, 1891) (Asthena)

Asthena pellucida Lucas, 1892

Australia, Papua New Guinea.

Poecilasthena urarcha (Meyrick, 1891) (Asthena)

Australia (including Tasmania).

REMARKS. The wings of this species are green and the termen of the hindwing shows no sign of an angle.

#### The papuensis group

Two species previously assigned to Asthena are here transferred to Poecilasthena. One of them was originally described under Hydrelia. Their association with Asthena is explained by the fact that, unlike the condition in other Poecilasthena, the discocellulars in the hindwing are not biangulate. However, the genitalia closely resemble those of other Poecilasthena and sternum A8 is modified similarly to Poecilasthena. See also 'Remarks' under the generic description above.

# Poecilasthena euthecta (Turner, 1904) comb. n. (Asthena)

Australia.

REMARKS. Nielsen, Edwards & Rangsi (1996) treated this species in *Minoa*. However, the genitalia structures are not consistent with those of *Minoa*.

# Poecilasthena papuensis (Warren, 1906) comb. n. (Hydrelia)

Papua New Guinea.

## The anthodes group

The moths of this cohesive species group are brown. The labides are fairly long, nearly extending to the end of the tegumen, the saccus is narrow, coremata extend from the base of each valva and the vesica lacks cornuti. Sternum A8 is markedly elongate being twice the length of the other sterna; the proximal end is rounded, and from 1/3 toward the distal end it become very narrow, before broadening a little distally. Tergum A8 is not modified. The female genitalia are indistinguishable from those of other *Poecilasthena* species.

# Poecilasthena anthodes (Meyrick, 1891) comb. n. (Asthena)

Australia.

# Poecilasthena schistaria (Walker, 1861) comb. n. (Acidalia)

New Zealand.

# Poecilasthena xylocyma (Meyrick, 1891) comb. n. (Asthena)

Australia.

# Polynesia Swinhoe, 1892

(Figs 172-174; 219, 252; 291.)

Polynesia Swinhoe, 1892: 4. Type species: Pomasia sunandava Walker, 1861: 657; Holloway, 1997: 189.
Placotome Warren, 1894: 395. Type species: Polynesia truncapex Swinhoe, 1892: 5.

MOTH (Figs 172–174). Head. Frons narrow, not protuberant. Labial palpi long and robust, not slender, extending about 1/4 to 1/3 beyond front of head. Antenna in both sexes simple, with very short cilia. Legs. Hind tibia of male with terminal spurs only; hind femur of male expanded and with thick hair pencil in groove. Hind tibia of female with all spurs present. Wings. Primrose yellow variously marked with irregular, rufous spots. Forewing with costa somewhat broadened near base, termen very weakly crenulated, slightly produced medially, concave under CuA<sub>2</sub>; areole

single, small, all radial veins stalked, R<sub>1</sub> diverging from stalk distal to divergence point of R<sub>5</sub>; male forewing of *truncapex* truncated so costa appears angled; tip of angle folded over *dorsal* surface. Hindwing: apex rounded, termen produced both at M<sub>1</sub> and CuA<sub>1</sub>; cell short, not longer than 1/3 length of hindwing; discocellulars gently curved; M<sub>2</sub> arising a little above middle of discocellulars, Rs and M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>3</sub> and CuA<sub>1</sub> stalked; sometimes underside of male hindwing with hair tuft at base of cell or hair ridge along wing. *Abdomen*. Long and narrow in both sexes; tympanal organ with length exceeding that of first visible sternum (A2); anterior angles of second visible sternum (A3) also produced.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 219, 252). Saccus quadrate. Tegumen narrow and long, uncus vestigial. Labides prominent, forming long, well-sclerotized, curved spines. Juxta in form of fairly small, irregular plate. Valva fairly broad, simple, setose; sacculus not projecting beyond margin of valva, elbowed terminally, but without terminal projection. Aedeagus simple, cornuti lacking. Last tergum and sternum elongated, sternum usually longer than tergum.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 291). Ductus bursae membranous posteriorly, with long antrum anteriorly. Corpus bursae: globose; signum composed of radiating denticles; small additional signum present near cervix bursae in *sunandaya*.

DIAGNOSIS. This genus is easily distinguished from other Asthenini by the primrose yellow wing colour dotted with irregular rufous spots and the venation. The smooth, large hook-like labides in the male genitalia are highly distinctive.

The wing colour of *Polynesia* is very similar to that of *Pseudopolynesia* Holloway. *Polynesia* is easily distinguished from *Pseudopolynesia* in the structure of the genitalia. The male of *Pseudopolynesia* lacks the conspicuous labides of *Polynesia* and the shape of the tegumen differs between them. In the female of *Pseudopolynesia* there is no signum and the bursa copulatrix is double.

DISTRIBUTION. India, China, Thailand, N.E. Himalaya, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea.

REMARKS. The labial palpi are longer than is usual in Asthenini and certain features of the male genitalia are peculiar. However, typical asthenine characters are the reduced uncus, the signum being composed of radiating denticles, and the presence of a small areole on the forewing.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Three species. Genitalia examined: *curtitibia* (male, female), *sunandava* (male, female), *truncapex* (male, female).

#### Polynesia curtitibia Prout, 1922

India, Thailand, N.E. Himalaya, Malaysia.

# Polynesia sunandava (Walker, 1861) (Pomasia)

Cambogia? aeriferata Walker, [1863].

Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Papua New Guinea.

## Polynesia truncapex Swinhoe, 1892

India, China, Malaysia, Indonesia.

## Anydrelia Prout, 1938

(Figs 175-177; 220, 253; 292.)

Anydrelia Prout, 1938: 177 (see Prout, 1934–1939). Type species: *Brabira plicataria* Leech, 1897: 72.

MOTH (Figs 175-177). Head. Frons broad, prominent in male, flat in female. Labial palpi minute, not extended beyond frons. Antenna: weakly serrate in male with short cilia, simple in female. Wings. Brown, with darker but weak postmedial band and even weaker subterminal line; hindwing much smaller than forewing in both sexes. Forewing broad, costa much longer than dorsum, apex slightly produced, termen rounded; areole single; vein  $R_1$  and  $R_{2-5}$  diverging beyond (distal to) areole; vein R<sub>5</sub> diverging almost at end of areole and proximal to divergence point of R<sub>1</sub>; vein M<sub>1</sub> diverging from areole, discocellulars curved, M, arising slightly closer to M, than to M,. Hindwing of both sexes markedly smaller than forewing, termen rounded, anal lobe in male expanded and folded under wing, ventral surface with numerous specialized scales, dorsal surface with long hair-scales; Sc+R, combined with Rs to 3/4 of cell, which is as long as half length of the wing; Rs united for short distance with M<sub>1</sub>, M<sub>1</sub> curved downwards, discocellulars strongly biangulate, M, arising from the second angle, very near M<sub>3</sub>.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 220, 253). Saccus short. Labides reduced to pair of setose membranous heads. Juxta broad basally, narrowing slightly towards apex, which is divided. Valva broad, with the costa incurved, sacculus not sclerotized, but with a small sharp terminal process arising from just beyond the middle valva. Aedeagus: vesica lacking cornuti. Sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 292). Ductus bursae weakly sclerotized throughout. Corpus bursae covered with minute denticles; signum absent.

DIAGNOSIS. This genus is very easy to distinguish from other asthenine genera by the specialized hindwing in the male and by the absence of the asthenine signum in the female. Typical Asthenini characteris-

tics include a broad, protuberant frons, minute labial palpi, a reduced uncus, short labides and a sclerotized ductus bursae.

DISTRIBUTION. China, India, Nepal.

REMARKS. The absence of a typical asthenine signum is interpreted as a loss.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Three species have been described in this genus. Genitalia examined: *distorta* (male, female), *plicataria* (male, female).

Anydrelia dharmsalae (Butler, 1883) (Ephyra) India.

Anydrelia distorta (Hampson, 1895) (Hydrelia)

India, Nepal, China.

Anydrelia plicataria (Leech, 1897) (Brabira) China.

# GENERA EXAMINED AND EXCLUDED FROM THE ASTHENINI

The following genera exhibit some similarity to the Asthenini, but we have excluded them from the core group for reasons given under each genus. Three of the genera included below are treated in the same detail as those above: *Minoa* Treitschke, which is one of the three genera included by Pierce (1914) in his definition of the Asthenini; *Cleptocosmia* Warren, which was listed by its describer in the original use of the family group name Astheninae; and *Chalyboclydon* Warren, the composition of which is complex (see above).

#### Minoa Treitschke, 1825

(Figs 178, 179; 221, 254; 267; 293.)

Minoa Treitschke, 1825: 445. Type species: Geometra euphorbiata [Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775: 116 (a junior subjective synonym of *Phalaena murinata* Scopoli, 1763: 229).

MOTH (Figs 178, 179). Head. Frons not prominent. Labial palpi more rough scaled than in most Asthenini and not strongly reduced. Antenna: male with short cilia. Wings: drab, dark to medium grey-brown or ochreous, margins smooth, not crenulated; costa of forewing short, termen relatively straight. Forewing: areole double; vein  $R_1$  arises from well before apex of second areole, veins  $R_2$ ,  $R_{3-4}$  and  $R_5$  arise, independently, from its apex. Hindwing: discocellulars oblique, not biangulate.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 221, 254; 267). Saccus rounded. Labides digitate, curved. Juxta in form of a large plate produced posteriorly into a long, finger-like process. Valva distinctive, narrow; costa and sacculus strongly sclerotized each terminating as a spine. Aedeagus: broad; vesica with a single, long cornutus or a single short cornutus subtended by a sclerite. *Abdomen* (Fig. 267) terga and sterna well-sclerotized in both male and female; sternum A8 trapezoidal in male.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 293). Anal papillae short, membranous. Bursa copulatrix: ductus bursae prominent, broad, strongly and uniformly sclerotized, extending into small corpus bursae, which is suddenly demarcated from remaining membranous corpus; signum, when present, small, composed of a few spines, not of radiating denticles and spines.

DIAGNOSIS. This distinctive genus is recognizable particularly by the uniform wing colour of the moths, the shape of the valva, the form of the ductus bursae, and the strongly sclerotized condition of the sterna and terga of the abdomen in both sexes.

DISTRIBUTION. Europe, including Eastern Europe.

REMARKS. *Minoa* was included in 'Astheninae' by Pierce (1914: 38) in the paper that first defined the group, but there is no sound reason to associate it with the core of the tribe. Although the uncus is reduced and labides are present, the labial palpi are relatively robust, and while the sacculus is extended, the extension does not resemble that typical in Asthenini, indeed, the overall shape of the valva is unusual. The female genitalia are highly distinctive and lack the typical asthenine signum. The tribal association of *Minoa* remains unclear.

Minoa is considered currently to include just one polytypic species. However, a preliminary study of the genitalia of specimens from several localities suggests that there are, in fact, two species. For the purposes of the present paper we accept the identity of the type species as the widespread species, although this requires confirmation. Further study is being undertaken to establish the content of the genus and the names that should be associated with the species involved.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Probably two species, one of which is described. Genitalia examined: *murinata murinata* (male, female), *murinata amylaria* (male, female).

The variation within *Minoa* needs re-examination. There appear to be two species rather than one, although currently one is accepted (Karsholt & Razowski, 1996: 248). One of these species is widespread. Specimens of the other in the collection of the BMNH are from Sicily and Dalmatia. It is likely from an examination of the original description that the widespread species is what is generally perceived to be *murinata*, but this

question deserves further study. We have yet to discover if an available name exists for the second species.

# Minoa murinata murinata (Scopoli, 1763) (Phalaena)

Minoa cyparissaria Mann, 1854. Geometra euphorbiata [Denis & Schiffermüller], 1775. Phalaena fuscata Hufnagel, 1767.

Acidalia italicata Millière, 1885. Phalaena (Geometra) sordiata Linnaeus, 1767.

Widespread in Europe, Russia, Asia Minor, Central Asia.

Ph[alaena] Geom[etra] unicolorata Hübner, [1787].

FOODPLANTS. Euphorbiaceae: Euphorbia amygdaloides.

# Minoa murinata amylaria Prout, 1914

Alps, Italy.

Minoa murinata limburgia Lempke, 1969 Netherlands.

Minoa murinata lutea Schwingenschuss,

Russia.

# Chalyboclydon Warren, 1893

(Figs 180; 222, 256; 294.)

Chalyboclydon Warren, 1893: 366. Type species: Chalyboclydon marginata Warren, 1893: 366.

Description of Chalyboclydon marginata

MOTH (Figs 180). Head. Frons neither broad nor protuberant. Labial palpi slender, reduced, but extending further from head than in most Asthenini genera. Antenna simple in both sexes, ciliated. Wings. Broad, off-white with dark markings at termen similar to those in Eschatarchia lineata. Forewing broad, apex slightly produced, termen angled medially, weakly crenulated above angle, straight below angle; hindwing with termen angle more marked than in forewing, produced as in E. marginata; cell of both wings extending well beyond 1/3 length of wing, discocellulars strongly oblique; forewing with small single areole, R<sub>1-5</sub> stalked, R<sub>1</sub> diverging from stem after R<sub>5</sub> and well beyond end of areole; hindwing with Sc+R<sub>1</sub> combined with Rs for 3/4 length of cell, Rs and M, stalked, M, arising from above middle of discocellulars, M, not stalked.

MALE GENITALIA (Figs 222, 256). Saccus broad. Labides narrow, weakly sclerotized. Juxta narrow. Valva narrow; costa weakly sclerotized, gently convex

medially and with a denticle arising subterminally; sacculus well sclerotized, with broad lobe medially. Aedeagus: vesica with group of cornuti. Abdominal sternum A8 unmodified.

FEMALE GENITALIA (Fig. 294). Ductus bursae short and sclerotized merging with long corpus bursae. Corpus bursae with one signum in form of a prominent band from which extends strong spines; second signum irregular, bearing a number of strong denticles; neither signum composed of radiating denticles or spines. Sternum A7 forming a well-sclerotized, crescent-shaped plate near ostium bursae.

DIAGNOSIS. The wing colour, pattern and venation resemble, to some degree, those features in *Eschatarchia*. In both, the angle in the middle of the hindwing termen is pointed. *Chalybochydon marginata* may be distinguished by its much longer palpi and the very weakly angled forewing termen. The genitalia differ significantly (compare figures). The wing pattern distinguishes *C. marginata* from other genera.

DISTRIBUTION. India, Sikkim, Burma, China.

REMARKS. The genus lacks the typical asthenine signum, and the valvae are narrower and their sclerotizations more complex than in the Asthenini.

Chalyboclydon was described by Warren (1893: 366) as a monotypic genus, from two localities 'Sikkim' and 'Momeit, Burmah', in a paper including descriptions of various genera and species in the H.J. Elwes collection, housed in the BMNH. Although Warren's description was said to be of the female sex, all three syntypes of *marginata* are males. There is a further specimen, a female, labelled as being from 'Darjiling'.

The species C. flexilinea was described later (Warren, 1898: 22) from 'One specimen from the Khasis. Closely allied to but apparently distinct from the Sikkim marginata.' This specimen, the holotype, is a male and bears a label, in Warren's hand, 'Chalyboclydon flexilinea Warr Type 9'. A second label, by Prout, states: 'Chalyboclydon marginata Warr.' Warren gave a figure of 36 mm as the wingspan of the species, which is over 10 mm more than actually is the case for the syntypes of marginata and also is much greater than the measurement of flexilinea. While Warren's description of marginata might fit both species, the colour plate (23: 16) is clearly of marginata. Thus despite the confusing label of Prout, and the anomalous wing measurement given by Warren, the identities of the two species do not seem to be in doubt. However, to avoid further confusion, we have fixed the identity of Chalyboclydon marginata Warren, see below.

SPECIES INCLUDED. One species known. Genitalia examined: *marginata* (male, female).

# Chalyboclydon marginata Warren, 1893

Hydrelia? apicata Wileman, 1916.

REMARKS. To fix the identity of *marginata*, the male syntype housed in the BMNH, illustrated in Fig. 180, and bearing the following label data is here designated as LECTOTYPE: Lectotype; Sikkim. Möller. 1888; Chalyboclydon marginata Warr. Type B&[handwritten by Warren]; Collectio[n] H.J. Elwes; Rothschild Bequest B.M. 1939–1.

DISTRIBUTION. India, Sikkim, Burma, China.

## Cleptocosmia Warren, 1896

(Figs 181; 223, 256.)

Cleptocosmia Warren, 1896: 383. Type species: Cleptocosmia mutabilis Warren, 1896: 383.

MOTH (Fig. 181). Head. Male. Frons flat, not broad. Labial palpi broad and long, projecting well beyond head, with segment 3 strongly elongated. Antenna simple, ciliated. Hindtibia bearing many hair-like scales, with a very long hair tuft at base, the two outer spurs of hind tibia also with hair scales. Wings. Orange brown; similar in shape to those of Chalyboclydon marginata but with forewing slightly narrower and apex rather more sharply angled; termen weakly angled medially; hindwing weakly angled medially. Forewing with hyaline fovea, and with the basal half of wing clothed with erect hair-like scales creating a furlike appearance. Venation: cell very short, no longer than 1/3 length of forewing or hindwing; discocellulars nearly straight on forewing, angled and oblique on hindwing; forewing with areole absent, radials stalked with vein R<sub>s</sub> diverging from common stem before (proximal to) divergence point of R<sub>1</sub>; R<sub>1-5</sub> arising before upper angle of cell, M, not stalked, M, arising slightly closer to M, than to M,; hindwing with Sc+R, combined with Rs to 3/4 of cell, Rs stalked with M, M, stalked with CuA<sub>1</sub>, CuA<sub>2</sub> arising near lower angle of cell.

Female unknown.

MALE GENITALIA (Fig. 223, 256). Saccus rounded. Labides absent. Juxta broad, weakly sclerotized. Valva: broad, setose; costa with short point extending at middle; sacculus not extended, folded near base of valva and strongly setose. Aedeagus: broad; vesica with two large spines and some small ones.

DIAGNOSIS. Cleptocosmia mutabilis may be recognized by the fur-like appearance of the basal half of forewing in the male. The erect, sharp angle at the middle of the costa of the valva, and the presence of two huge spines on the vesica of the aedeagus is also very characteristic. The venation is almost the same as that of 'Chalyboclydon' flexilinea, but, besides the furlike scaling on the forewing, it can also be distinguish from that genus by long palpi, very weakly marked wings and the form of the male genitalia.

DISTRIBUTION. Australia.

REMARKS. Although Warren originally placed this genus in the 'Astheninae' (i.e., Asthenini), Nielsen, Edwards & Rangsi (1996) excluded it from the tribe by listing it under a heading 'Unplaced to tribe'. The long labial palpi, the normal frons, the hairy hind tibia and forewing are all unusual. The female is unknown, so we are unable to comment on the form of the signum. On balance, however, like Nielsen *et al.* (1996) we are unable to place *Cleptocosmia* to tribe.

The species is know from only the male holotype in the BMNH, and a further male recently discovered in the accessions of the ANIC. We are grateful to Mr E.D. Edwards for searching the ANIC collections.

SPECIES INCLUDED. One species. Genitalia examined: *mutabilis* (male).

## Cleptocosmia mutabilis Warren, 1896

Australia.

#### Eois Hübner, 1818

(Figs 182-184, 224, 257.)

Eois Hübner, 1818: 27. Type species: Eois russearia Hübner, 1818: 27.

Cretheis Meyrick, 1886: 192, type species Cretheis cymatodes Meyrick, 1886: 193.

In its broadest sense (e.g., Holloway, 1997, and as catalogued in Scoble, 1999), *Eois* is a large genus with c. 250 species, the type species of which was described from Surinam. A list of the generic synonyms is also provided by Holloway (1997: 184), who examined the type species of the names involved. Holloway suggested that despite some doubts that the Old World species of *Eois* might not be congeneric with those from the New World, most species were correctly united under the single genus. The basis of Holloway's argument lies chiefly in the presence of a multispined signum set into the wall of the corpus bursae. *Eois* is certainly in need of a species-level review, an exercise that would help further investigation of the question of its monophyly.

If the suggestion is accepted that *Eois* is monophyletic, with relatively minor adjustment to its composition, the question arises over its position in relation to the Asthenini. Notable asthenine characters include small labial palpi and a strongly reduced/lost uncus. The shape of the valva is also remarkably similar to that in Asthenini. However, unlike the position in Asthenini, labides are absent and the signum is distinctive, differing markedly from that seen in typical Asthenini. Even if the Old World species should be shown not to be congeneric with those of the New World, we would exclude them from the Asthenini because of these features.

Cretheis (Figs 182, 224, 257) is probably a synonym of Eois Hübner although the Australian species of Eois were included in Cretheis by McQuillan & Edwards (in Nielsen, Edwards and Rangsi, 1996: 228). As with many species of Eois it shares some features of Asthenini, including short, narrow palpi, a strongly reduced uncus, and the presence of a small extension of the sacculus. It was included in the tribe by McQuillan & Edwards (in Nielsen, Edwards & Rangsi, 1996: 227), but is excluded here because of the very different signum in the female, which is robust, multispined and has its base usually set in an evagination of the bursa wall. Furthermore, the frons is very narrow.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Two hundred and forty seven species of *Eois* (including those in *Cretheis*) are listed in Scoble (1999). We have not reviewed the species of this large genus, so they are not listed here.

# Pseudopolynesia Holloway, 1997

(Figs 185, 225.)

Pseudopolynesia Holloway, 1997: 190. Type-species: Pomasia amplificata Walker, 1861: 658.

One described species was included in the genus by Holloway (1997), who pointed out that there were at least two in the group, which extends from Sundaland to New Guinea. The remarkable similarity in the colour pattern of *Pseudopolynesia* and *Polynesia* encouraged us to study the genus to see if there was an asthenine association of *Pseudopolynesia*.

The labial palpi are prominent and extended strongly in front of the head. In the male genitalia (Fig. 225), the tegumen is dome-shaped and the uncus appears to be absent. The sclerotizations of the anellus are complex, but labides do not seem to be present. In the female, the signum is absent and the corpus bursae is double with a posterior, spinose component and a flimsy anterior part.

Characters that support the exclusion of *Pseudopolynesia* from the Asthenini are the presence of well-developed labial palpi, the absence of labides, the lack of an extension of the sacculus and the absence of an asthenine signum. While an uncus is absent from Asthenini and *Pseudopolynesia*, this situation is not unique to the tribe and does not define it alone. Denticles are present on the bursa copulatrix of *Pseudopolynesia* and *Eupithecia*, although those in *Pseudopolynesia* are not as robust.

Despite the similarity of the wing colour and pattern to *Polynesia*, other morphological evidence suggests that *Pseudopolynesia* should be excluded from the Asthenini.

DISTRIBUTION. From Sundaland to New Guinea.

REMARKS. For further details see Holloway, 1997.

SPECIES INCLUDED. One species.

# Pseudopolynesia amplificata Walker, 1861

Borneo.

#### Pseudopolynesia hebe Bethune-Baker, 1915

Pseudopolynesia phanoides Debauche Pseudoploynesia praelustris Prout

New Guinea, Sulawesi, S. Moluccas.

REMARKS. Holloway (1997: 190) suggested that *hebe* and *praelustris*, which were previously described as subspecies of *amplificata*, might better be placed as 'races' of *hebe*.

## Chaetolopha Warren, 1899

(Fig. 186.)

Chaetolopha Warren, 1899: 41. Type species: Scordylia oxyntis Meyrick, 1891: 817.

The genus was included in the Asthenini by McQuillan & Edwards (in Nielsen, Edwards & Rangsi, 1996: 227) and has been revised by Schmidt (in press). It includes an assemblage of species with considerable variation in genital structure. In none of these species does the morphology suggest that the genus belongs to Asthenini.

Characters of the type species suggesting that *Chaetolopha* should excluded from Asthenini include a non-protuberant frons and well-developed, rough-scaled labial palpi. The uncus is well-developed. Structures resembling labides are well-sclerotized and arise from a pair of flask-shaped sclerites composing the juxta. We have not observed this rather peculiar arrangement in Asthenini. The sacculus of the valva is not extended. In the female genitalia, the signum is not asthenine.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Six species, all from Australia, are included by Schmidt (*in press*), who has assigned other species previously in *Chaetolopha* to a new genus from Papua New Guinea.

Eleven species were listed in Scoble (1999). We have not reviewed the species, so they are not included here.

# Trichodezia Warren, 1895

(Fig. 187.)

*Trichodezia* Warren, 1895: 119. Type species: *Odezia albovittata* Guenée, [1858]: 520.

*Trichodezia* was assigned to the Asthenini by Forbes (1948: 131) and listed there by Ferguson *in* Hodges (1983). Characters suggesting that this genus should be excluded from Asthenini include the presence of

strong palpi and a well developed uncus. The ductus bursae is extremely short and the corpus bursae has a small signum, but not of the asthenine kind.

A male and female of the type species (*T. albovittata*) were examined.

DISTRIBUTION. North America, Japan, Eurasia.

SPECIES INCLUDED. Five species were listed in Scoble (1999). We have not reviewed the species, so they are not listed here.

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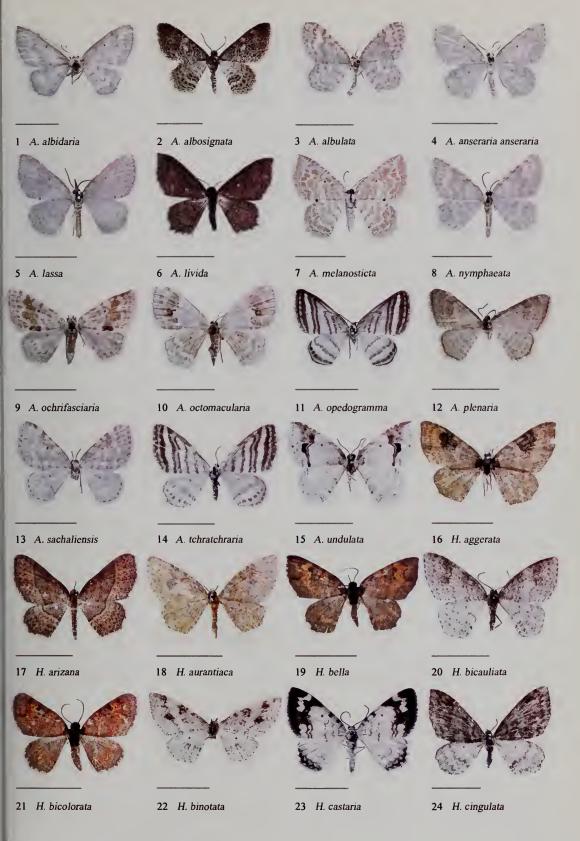
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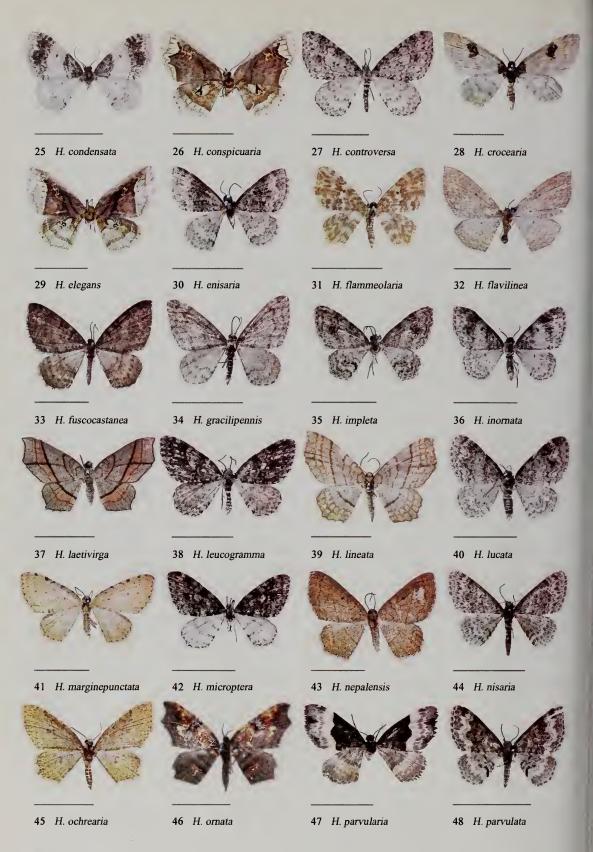
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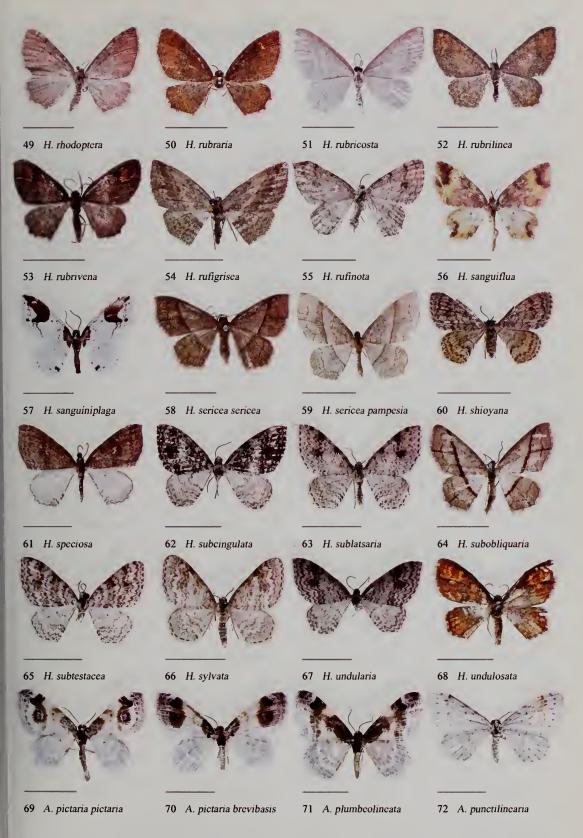
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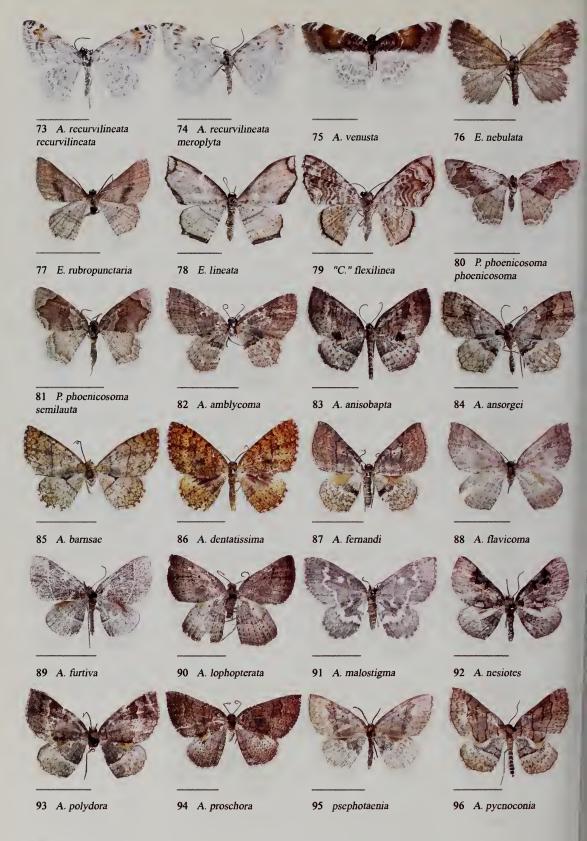
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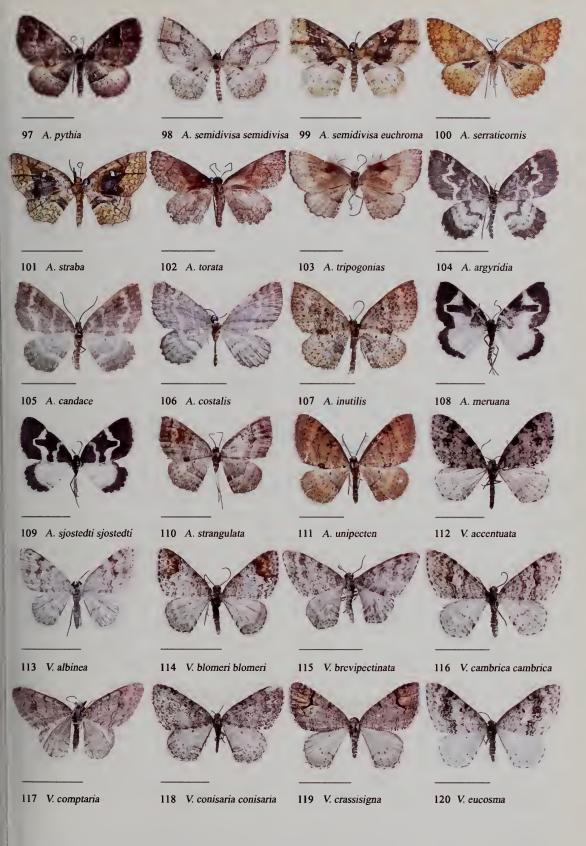
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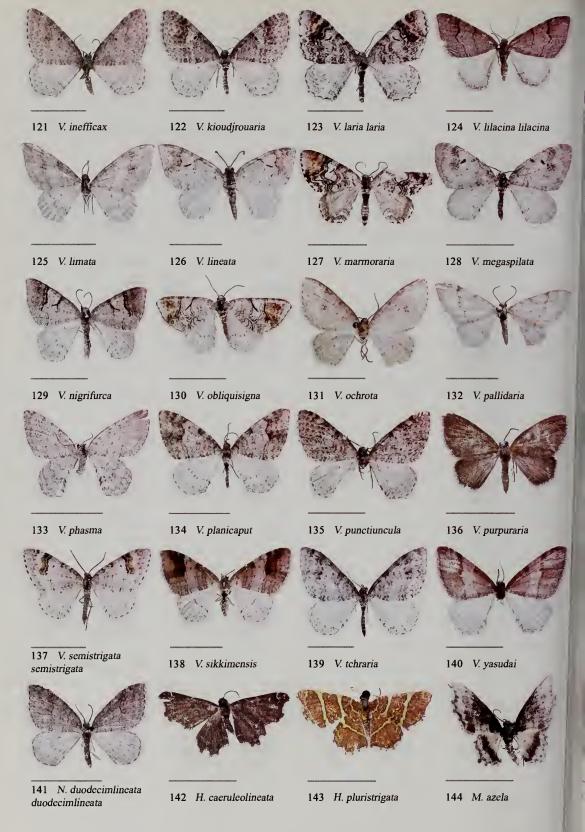
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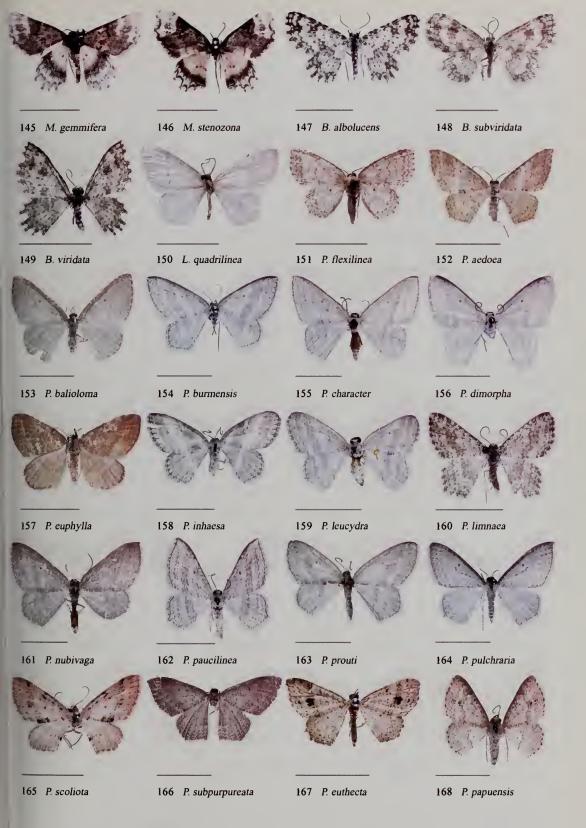
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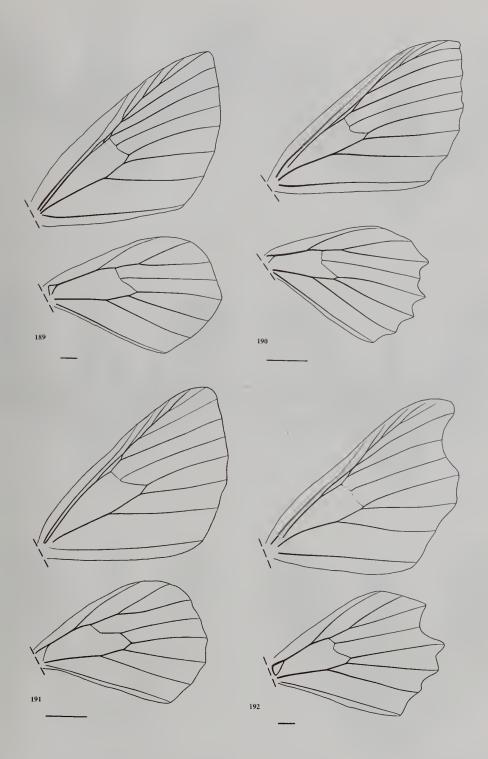
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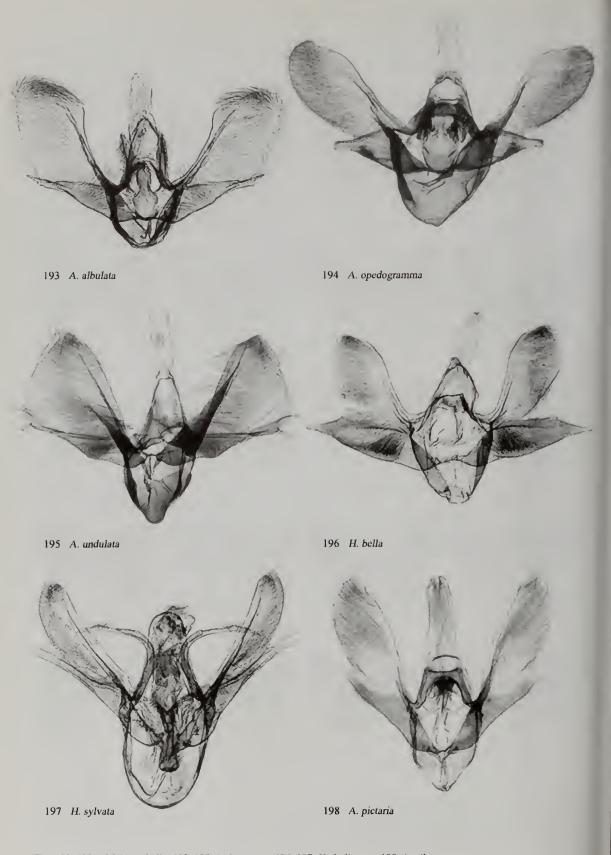
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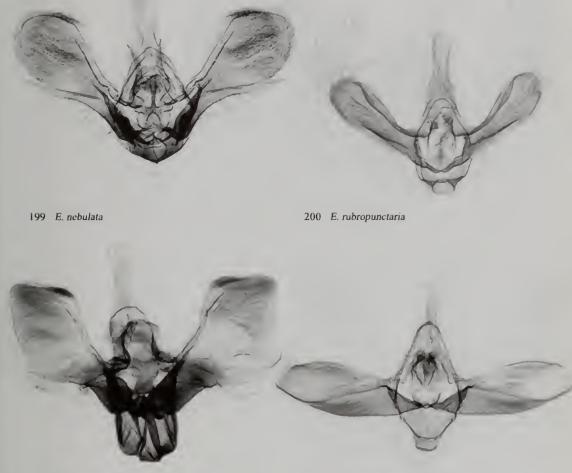
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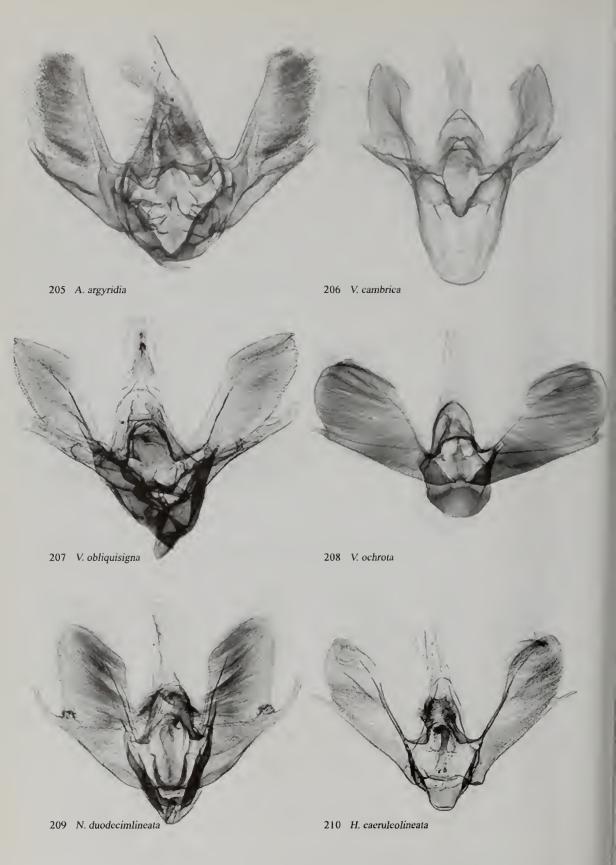


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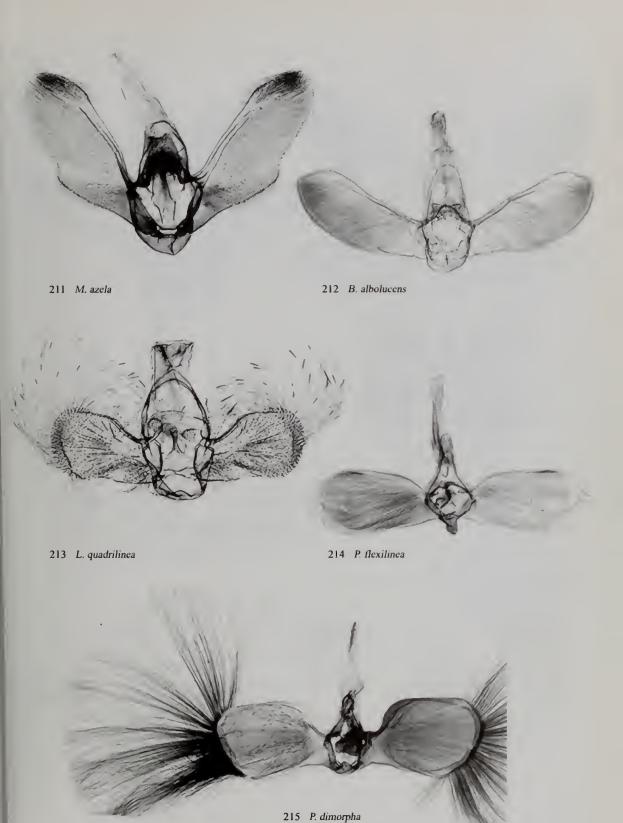
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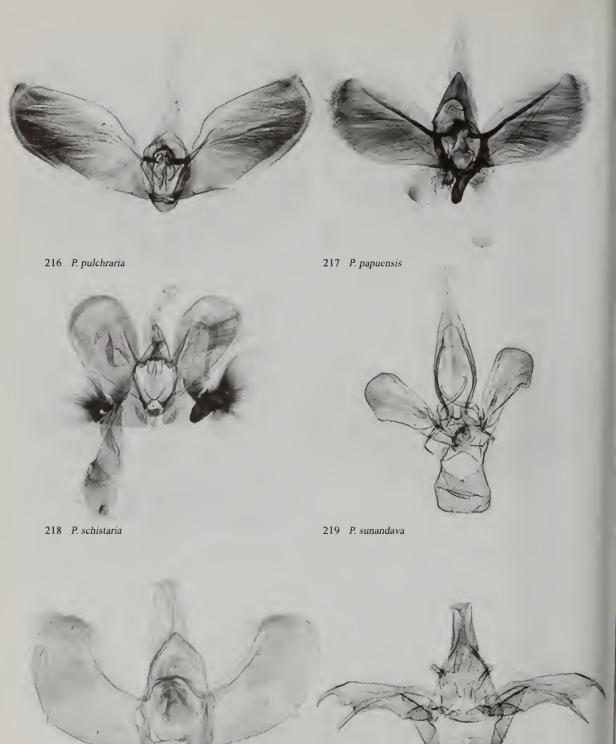
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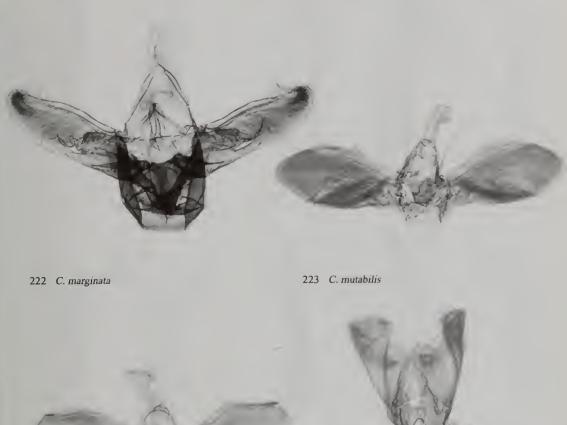


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220 A. plicataria

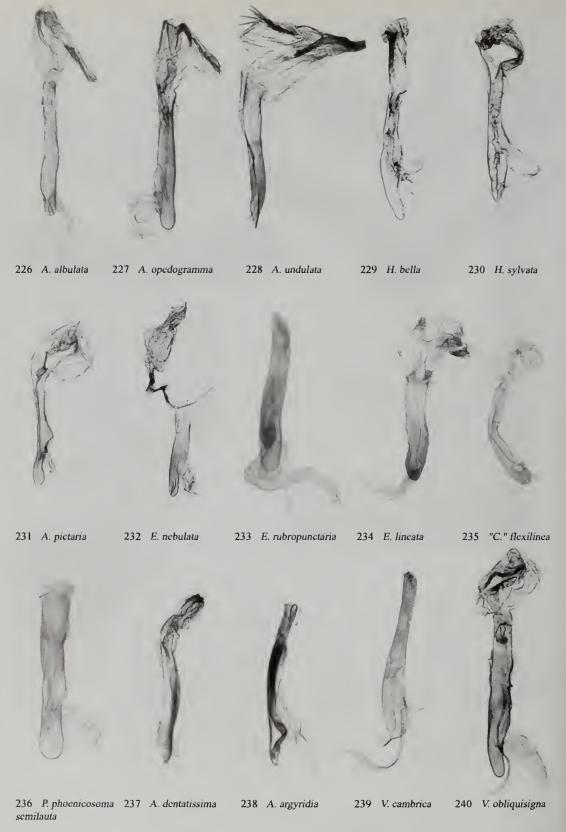
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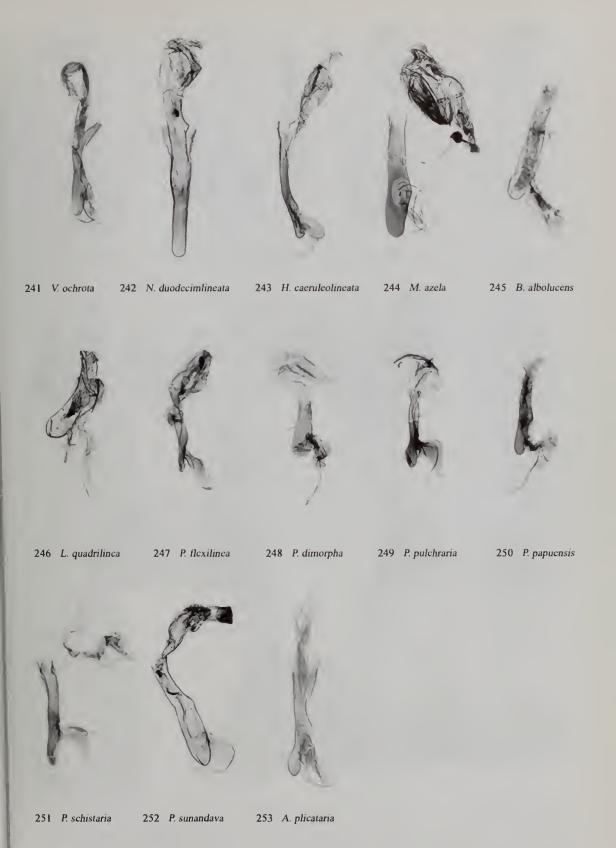
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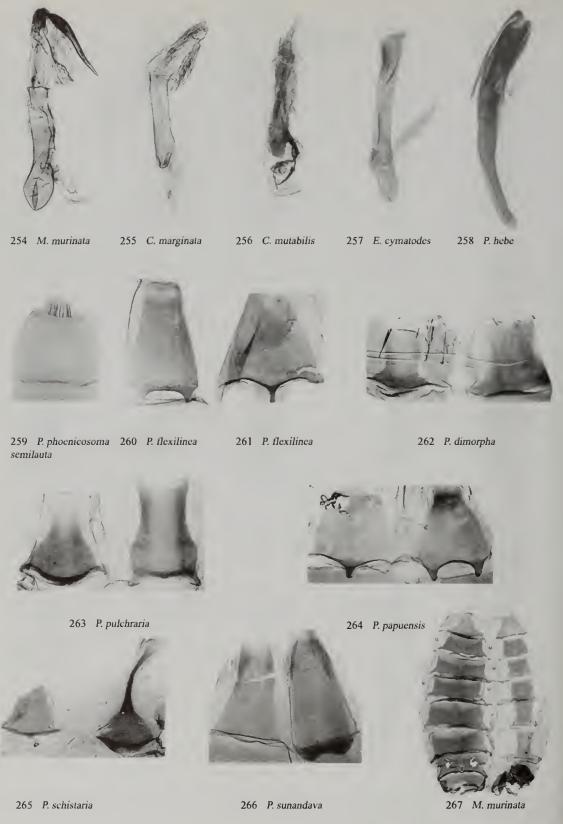
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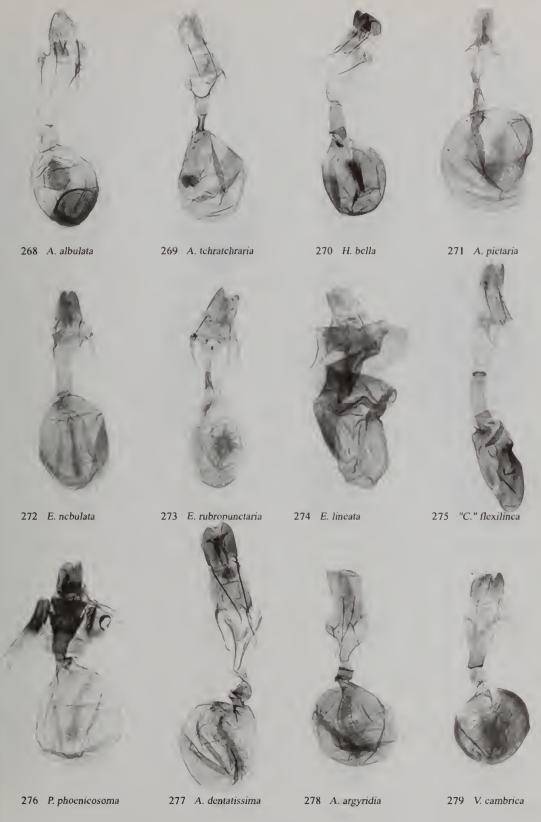
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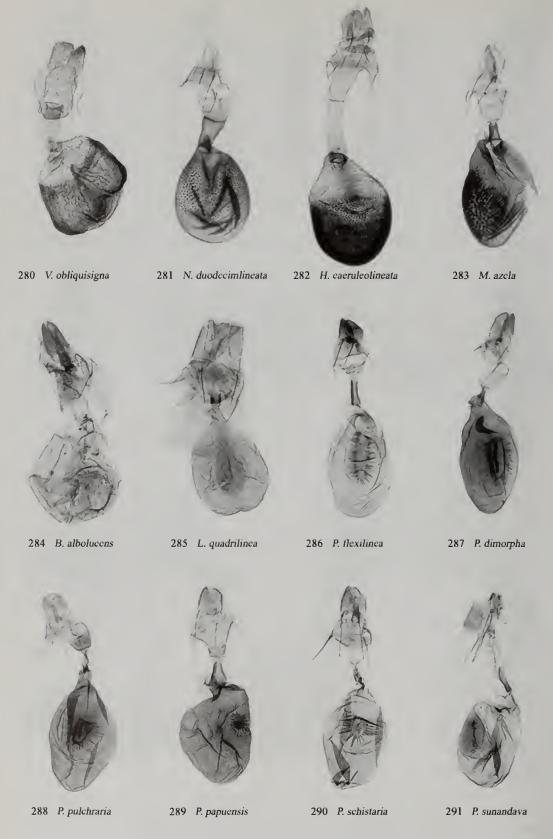
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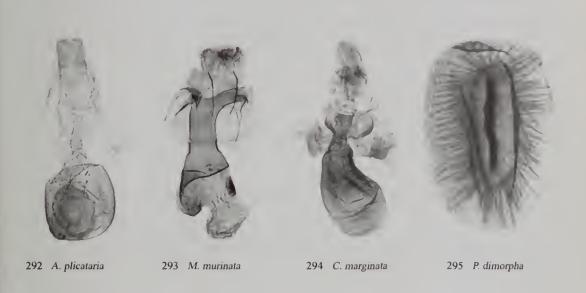
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